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Train Left Without The Princess

Hamilton, Ontario, Oct. 14. Princess Elizabeth got the hardest laugh of her trip today when the Royal train pulled out without her after a ten-minute stop at St. Catharines en route to Hamilton.

The train crew had been advised that at the end of the ten-minute stop at St. Catharines a band would play "God Save the King." The first time the brass band played it, the cheering of children drowned out the music. So, instead of boarding the train to hear the band repeat it, the Princess asked them to repeat it while she stood on the platform.

The band struck up and the train moved off. "The Princess hadn't laughed so hard in weeks," said a member of the staff.

The train stopped after a few feet and the Princess and her husband walked to the boarding steps. All in all it had been an unpredictable day with the pair.

The Duke decided he wanted to drive the locomotive when the train reached Vineland. The train was stopped and Philip, wearing an engineer's cap and sun glasses as the only additions to his dark blue suit, climbed into the cab to take over the controls of the giant locomotive which he drove for 14 miles until the train reached Winona 28 minutes later.

"I greatly enjoyed it," he said. "There is no larger locomotive in the world than the one I drove today."

A staff member said he figured it was the first day the Royal couple had had any fun and they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. — United Press.

AT NIAGARA FALLS

Princess Elizabeth got her feet and feet wet at Niagara Falls today, then started on a whistle-stop tour of southeastern Ontario which took her to Windsor across from Detroit by train.

The special train carrying the Princess and the Duke of Edinburgh rolled through the autumn countryside after they attended church services in Niagara Falls, got a close-up view of the world-famed honeymoon mecca and was the tourist attraction for 70,000 persons.

At every station and crossroads along the route down the Niagara peninsula, the Royal couple were greeted with waving and shouting as the train passed. They will sleep aboard the train at Windsor.

At Niagara Falls, the Princess and Prince Philip got a close-up view of the mighty waterfall on Sunday.

and at one point the Princess got so close that water cascaded down on top of her. Going into the scenic tunnel underneath the horse-shoe Falls, a shower of water splashed her on the head and face. She stopped momentarily, wiped her face with her hand and continued through the tunnel. She retired after leaving the tunnel to make minor repairs to her face.

BOTH IMPRESSED

An estimated 70,000 persons lined the parade route and the Falls area as the Royal couple visited the world-famed honeymoon spot. The couple were visibly impressed by the first look at the 162-foot Falls.

They stood for 10 minutes on an observation point on the brink of the Falls before going to the bottom for a close-up view. Spray whipped by a slight breeze swept into their faces and the foam from the Falls leaped up at them from the water swirling below. A bright rainbow encircled them as they stood near the point where daredevil riverman William "Red" Hill was killed when he tried to go over the Falls in a rubber barrel last summer. The couple had to shout to one another to make themselves heard over the heavy roar of the Falls. — United Press.

Hurricane Threat

Miami, Oct. 14. A 100-mile hurricane boiled up in the Caribbean today and the weather bureau warned Florida to stand by on the alert. Navy hurricane hunter planes reported that the storm was 300 miles south-southwest of Miami and was moving slowly northward. — United Press.

Maniac At Large

Dumbarton, Scotland, Oct. 14.

Police searched the Loch Lomond area today for a sex maniac who seized 15-month-old Jean Thomasset, of Southern Rhodessa, from her cot and molested her.

Jean, who is on holiday with her mother here, was tonight in a Glasgow children's hospital, where she was stated to be "comfortable."

She was taken from her cot at the Loch Lomond youth hostel while her mother and grandmother were asleep in the same room.

Jean's grandmother awoke early on Saturday to see a shadowy figure moving in the room. Thinking that it was her daughter, she fell asleep again but awoke a few minutes later to see the octopus.

She gave the alarm and after a short search the baby was found in the conservatory screaming. — Reuter.

SOS In Box Of Grapes

Southampton, Oct. 14.

A box of grapes delivered to a wholesale fruit merchant here contained a distress call from a mother in Crete, the sunny island in the Mediterranean.

The mother, Mrs. Helen Georgoulaki, a grape picker in the vineyards of Crete, hid a note among the grapes appealing for help for her two sons, aged 12 and 17, both suffering from tuberculosis.

Her message, pencilled in Greek, is now being investigated by the International Help for Children Organisation in London. The editor of a Southampton newspaper said today that since publishing the letter he has received many offers of money and help from local citizens.

An official of the Help for Children Organisation said: "It may be possible to bring the two boys to this country for treatment. Meantime, any money sent to us for this purpose will be placed in a special fund."

"If it is found impossible to bring them here, we shall try to arrange for them to receive medical attention in Crete." — Reuter.

British Proposals To Egypt

CONDITION NAMED FOR SUPERSESSION OF 1936 TREATY

Text Of Middle East Alliance Disclosed

Cairo, Oct. 14.

Britain today offered to hand over to Egypt her Suez Canal defence base on the condition that it would "simultaneously become an Allied base within the Allied Middle East Command."

The text of the British proposals on Middle East defence and the administration of the Sudan made to the Egyptian Government yesterday were released here today.

Also released was the text of the four-Power proposals submitted jointly by Britain, the United States, France and Turkey, inviting Egypt to accept "a position of high authority and responsibility within the Allied Middle East Command."

The British note said that if Egypt joined the new command Britain would agree to the supersession of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty and withdraw such British forces not allocated to the Allied Middle East Command.

But it added that Britain would not permit a change in the status of the Sudan without the full agreement of the Sudanese people.

The British version of the text of the proposals on Middle East defence submitted by Britain, the United States, France and Turkey stated:

"His Majesty's Ambassador has the honour of instructions to present to the Egyptian Government the following proposals for a settlement of the British troops in the Canal zone and on the general question of defence. Under these proposals, which have the full agreement and support of the Governments of France, Turkey and the United States of America, these questions would be placed on the basis of an Allied organisation for the defence of the Middle East in which Egypt would participate as a partner with the other countries concerned. The Egyptian Government has already been informed that far-reaching proposals for a settlement of these questions were about to be presented to them when they proceeded on October 8 to introduce legislation for the unilateral abrogation of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty and the Condominium agreements of 1899."

"Although His Majesty's Government are at a loss to understand the reason for the action taken by the Egyptian Government and cannot recognise its legality, nevertheless they have decided, in agreement with the Governments of France, Turkey and the United States to present the proposals to the Egyptian Government and hope that they will give them the most serious consideration and in order to demonstrate the careful study to which these questions have been subjected and the length to which His Majesty's Government, in concert with the other Governments concerned, are prepared to go in their desire on the one hand to meet Egypt's national aspirations and on the other the defence requirements of this important area."

TEN PROPOSALS

"Defence proposals. A general communication:

"1. Egypt belongs to the free world and in consequence her defence and that of the Middle East in general is equally vital to other democratic nations."

"2. The defence of Egypt and of other countries in the Middle East against aggression from without can only be secured by co-operation by all interested powers."

"3. The defence of Egypt can only be assured through the effective defence of the Middle East area and the co-ordination of this defence with that of adjacent areas."

"4. It is therefore desirable to establish an Allied Middle East Command in which the countries able and willing to contribute to the defence of the area should participate. France, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States are prepared to participate with the interested countries in establishing such a command. Invitations to participate in the command have been addressed to Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa, which have indicated their interest in the defence of the area and who have agreed in principle."

"5. Egypt is invited to participate as a founder member of the Middle East Command on a basis of equality and partnership with other founder members."

"6. If Egypt is prepared to co-operate fully in the Allied Command organisation in accordance with the provisions of the attached annex, His Majesty's Government, for their part, would be willing to agree to supersession of the 1936 treaty and would also be willing to agree to withdraw from Egypt such British forces as are not allocated to the Allied Middle East Command by agreement between the Egyptian Government and the Governments of other countries also participating as founder members in the Allied Middle East Command organisation."

THE HIGH COMMAND

"7. As regards armed forces to be placed at the disposal of the Allied Middle East Command and provision to that command of the necessary strategic defence facilities such as military and air bases, communications, ports, etc. Egypt will be expected to make her contribution on the same footing as other participating powers."

"8. In keeping with the spirit of these arrangements Egypt would be invited to accept a position of high authority and responsibility within the Allied Middle East Command to designate Egyptian officers for integration in the Allied Middle East Command headquarters staff."

"9. Facilities to train and equip her forces to be given to Egypt by those participating members of the Allied Command in a position to do so."

"10. The detailed organisation of the Allied Middle East defence organisation and its relationship with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to be worked out in consultation with the Powers concerned. For this purpose it is proposed that all founding members of the Middle East Command should send representatives to a meeting to be held in the near future with the object of preparing detailed proposals for submission to the Governments concerned."

"Technical Annex:

"1. In common with other participating Powers who are making similar contributions to the defence of the area:

"(a) Egypt will agree to furnish to the Allied Middle East Command organisation such strategic defence and other facilities on her soil as are indispensable for the organisation in peace time of defence of the Middle East."

"(b) She will undertake to grant the forces of the Allied Middle East Command all necessary facilities and assistance in the event of war, armaments, munitions of war or on approved international emergency including the use of Egyptian ports, airfields and means of communications."

"3. We should also hope that Egypt would agree to the Allied Supreme Commanders' headquarters being located in her territory."

"3. In keeping with the spirit of these arrangements it would be understood:

FUTURE OF BASE

"(a). That the present British base in Egypt would be formally handed over to the Egyptians on the understanding that it would simultaneously become an Allied base within the Allied Middle East Command with full Egyptian participation in the management of this base in peace and war."

"(b). The strength of the Allied forces of participating nations to be stationed in Egypt in peace-time would be determined between the participating nations including Egypt from time to time as progress is made in building up the forces of the Allied Middle East Command."

"4. It would also be understood that an Egyptian air defence organisation, including both Egyptian and Allied forces, would be set up under the command of an officer with joint responsibility to the Egyptian Government and the Middle East Command for the protection of Egypt and Allied bases."

The text of the British proposals for the future of the Sudan read:

"Sudan Proposals Part I: "His Majesty's Government do not agree that the defence of the Middle East and the Sudan question are in any way connected. Nevertheless they have given careful consideration to the possibility of meeting the views of the Egyptian Government on the Sudan and are now prepared to make the suggestions which follow:

SAFEGUARDS

"2. His Majesty's Government would be glad if the Egyptian Government would give most careful consideration to the suggestions with a view to discussing them fully with His Majesty's Government in order that the two Governments may examine together their detailed application."

"3. It is pointed out that not only do these suggestions represent great care on the part of His Majesty's Government to understand and meet the Egyptian point of view but also they appear to be the only way to provide adequate safeguards for Egyptian interests in the Sudan."

"4. The proposals are:

"(a) An international commission to reside in the Sudan, watching over the constitutional developments of that country and tendering advice to the Co-Dominion."

"(b) A joint Anglo-Egyptian statement of common principles with regard to the Sudan."

"(c) An international guarantee of the Nile Waters Agreement."

"(d) Establishment of a Nile Waters Development Authority to develop the Nile, possibly with assistance from the International Bank."

"(e) An agreed date to be fixed for the attainment of self-government by the Sudanese as a first step on the way to the choice by the Sudanese of their final status."

"POLITICAL FUTURE: Britain also presented a draft statement of common principles which aims at formulating an (Continued on back page, col. 1)

Egyptian Rejection Of Plan Forecast

Cairo, Oct. 14.

An influential Member of Parliament and several Cairo newspapers predicted today that Egypt will quickly reject the Western power plan to make the Suez an international defence base.

The proposal made on Saturday by the United States, Britain, France and Turkey would replace British troops in the Suez with international force of the world-wide defence against Communism. Egypt would be dealt in as a full partner.

Egypt also is expected to turn down new British proposals for the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and a Cabinet official hinted that an ouster campaign may be started against Sudan's British Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe.

Sir Robert introduced the new British plan for the Sudan to his Executive Council in Khartoum and said he would resist any attempt to change the administration. The new plan rejects Egyptian demands and calls for a joint council to advise Britain and Egypt.

WILL USE FORCE: Egypt has announced intentions of forcing British troops out of the Suez area and placing the million-square-mile Sudan under the Crown of King Farouk after 53 years of joint rule by Britain and Egypt. The British have said they will use force if necessary to keep troops in the Suez. This statement in Khartoum today and Egyptian reaction was immediate and bitter.

On hearing Sir Robert's statement, the Egyptian Minister for Sudan Affairs, Ibrahim Farag Pasha, said at Alexandria that Sir Robert's behaviour amounted to insubordination.

Sir Robert Howe could be fired by Egypt. The Governor-General, under the treaty, is nominated by Britain and appointed by Egypt. In Cairo, Mr. Ahmed Abul Fath, editor of the pro-government newspaper Misr and Wafidist (Government Party) Deputy in Parliament said the proposals on the Suez and the Sudan "undoubtedly will be rejected in their entirety." "These proposals," he said, "are the strongest foundation proposed yet to establish imperialism in Egypt and the Sudan." — Associated Press.

SIX MEN SUFFER ORDEAL

Trapped 1,400 Ft Underground

Berlin, Oct. 14.

Six men, trapped 425 metres (about 1,400 feet) underground in a Soviet-operated uranium mine, chewed a cut-up rubber hose to stay their hunger and "prayed like little children," one of two survivors said here today.

Vladav Storkan, aged 33, who fled to West Berlin from Joachimsthal, Czechoslovakia, said that he and five others were trapped when water rushed into a new shaft, tearing away props and blocking the entrance.

One man was drowned while trying to reach fresh water. Another went mad and threatened his mates with a large key.

After a fortnight, rescuers got four of the miners out alive, but two died soon afterwards.

The second survivor, a German prisoner of war, had both his legs amputated. Storkan said that he fled to West Germany — with four other Czechs — because when he came out of hospital mine officials told him to increase his work "by a third or he would be considered a saboteur." — Reuter.

5,000 Families Lose Homes

Tokyo, Oct. 14.

Five thousand families were homeless tonight after a typhoon struck the southern part of the island of Kyushu, killing at least one and seriously injuring 19 as it cut a belt of destruction across the land.

Eight bridges were washed out in the floods which followed the typhoon. At South West Honshu took precautions as it awaited the next blow from the storm.

The 7,000-ton Japanese ship, Kyong Maru, with several hundred United Nations troops aboard, was reported to be in no immediate danger after striking a reef off Nagasaki in the typhoon. High seas prevented rescue attempts by three American Navy vessels rushing to her side. — Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Egypt's Opportunity

THE British proposals concerning the future of the Suez Canal Zone and the Sudan offer to Egypt an opportunity for her to play a dignified and valuable role in international affairs. Britain's gesture is generous; she is willing to sacrifice her Suez Canal base provided Egypt becomes a partner in the proposed Middle East defence scheme and agrees to allow the Canal zone to become an Allied base. In effect this means the supersession of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty which Egypt says she intends unilaterally to abrogate. Both the British proposals and the four power Middle East defence alliance are a challenge to Egyptian statesmanship. There is nothing mean or inimical about them. Egyptian aspirations are given due consideration and Egyptian sovereignty fully protected within their framework. The invitation is for Egypt to become a willing and substantial partner in an alliance which seeks only to preserve the peace and security of the democracies. The future security of Egypt is just as much at stake as any of the other Middle East nations and the countries of western Europe. It is inconceivable that Egypt can remain blind to this fact or that she can fail to appreciate the value of the offer contained within the British proposals. Emphasis is properly placed on Egypt's position in the free world and of the vital necessity for her defences against aggression being fully secured. The Middle East alliance envisages Egypt as an equal partner with the rest of the participating nations, with Egyptian officers fulfilling positions of high authority and responsibility within the Middle East Command. Egypt would continue to conduct her own internal affairs and would be asked only to make available to the Command military and

other bases in order to consolidate the common defences of the Middle East. These are practical and sensible proposals which, if accepted, renders unnecessary unilateral abrogation of a contractual treaty. Egypt can not only achieve her desires in having the 1936 treaty set aside, and in a way which leaves no feelings of rancour or outrage, but she can enjoy a guarantee that her frontiers will be fully protected against aggression. Her rejection of the alliance and the complementary British offer can only deepen and broaden a crisis of Egypt's own making and leave Egypt a prey to potential Communist aggression. On the question of the future of the Sudan, Britain correctly adopts the attitude that the desires of the Sudanese must be taken into consideration and that Britain cannot be a party to subjugation of the country to Egyptian sovereignty without consent of the people. In the interim it is suggested that an international commission be appointed to reside in the Sudan as a guardian of the country's constitutional developments, and that an international pact be reached to guarantee the Nile Waters Agreement. Egyptian interests in the Sudan are fully recognised, particularly her dependency on the development of the Nile resources. Egypt is not in a position to carry out the essential developments, but she has a part to play in the task. It is suggested she can most effectively do this by becoming a partner in a Nile Waters Development Authority which could, with some confidence, look to the International Bank for financial assistance. These are positive and seemingly sound proposals for tackling the problem of the Sudan. Only short-sightedness and intolerance could make it possible for them to be rejected.

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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post, South China Sunday Post, Herald, and China Mail Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED

RIGHT WING LEADING IN FRENCH POLL

Paris, Oct. 14. Apathy was reported from most polling stations today in the second elections to French departmental (county) councils.

Today's ballot will pit 700 candidates on a list of 1,400 voters in which the right wing is expected to have the highest number of votes.

There are the first elections since the last Sunday's election on a basis of universal suffrage. In the first round, the right wing, which includes the Gaullists, the MRP, and the Christian Democrats, were expected to win 44 per cent of the vote. In the second round, the right wing is expected to win 50 per cent.

Right-wing candidates were leading in the first round. The results of the second round of the elections were announced tonight.

First indications were that about 40 per cent of the electorate had again abstained. Moderates and Conservatives emerged as the victors in most of the 111 departments. They won 308 of the 814 seats. The position of the parties after the ballot was: Communists, 36 seats; Socialists, 119; Leftist Independents, 25; Radicals, 23; MRP, 50; Moderates and Conservatives, 201 and 53 seats, Reuter.

A CHALLENGE

Paris, Oct. 14. Mr. Chester Bowles, newly appointed United States Ambassador to India, said on his arrival here today by air that he was taking a "great challenge" and there were many difficulties to face. Mr. Bowles, accompanied by his wife and five teen-age children, will fly to Zurich tonight. He intends to spend three days in Geneva before proceeding to New Delhi, Reuter.

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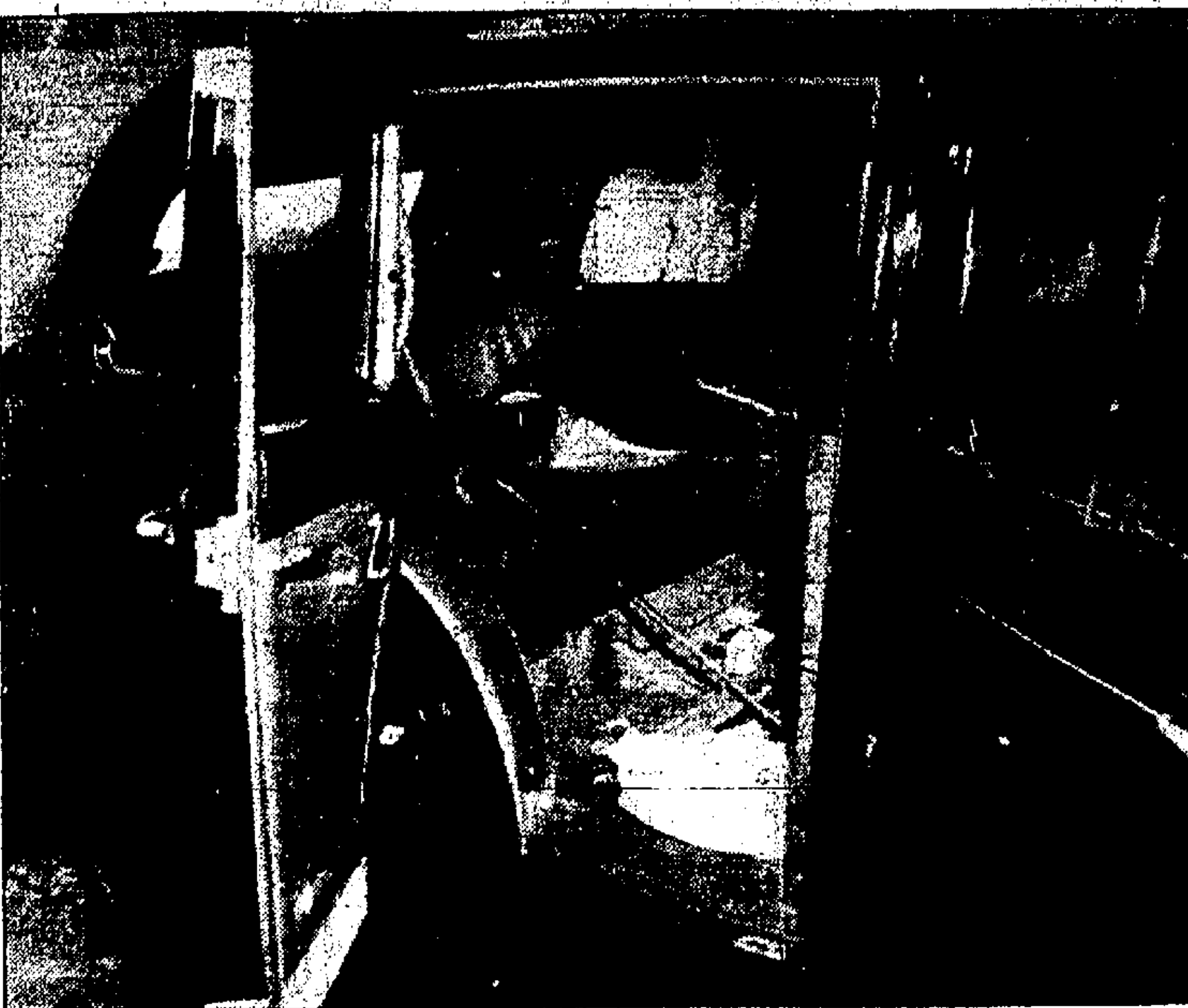
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Brussels Basilica Opened

Brussels, Oct. 14.

Tens of thousands of worshippers thronged the streets of Brussels today to witness the opening of the new basilica, a masterpiece of modern architecture, designed by the Belgian architect, Joseph Van der Meulen.

With Belgian flags and Papal banners flying in the breeze, the new basilica, which is the largest in Europe and one of the largest in the world, was opened today.

The Mass was attended by Cardinal the Papal Nuncio, 145 Belgian and foreign bishops and 150 Canons and priests.

One hundred and eighty-eight metres long and 108 metres wide, the new basilica, designed by the Belgian architect, Joseph Van der Meulen, is the largest in Europe and one of the largest in the world.

It can contain 25,000 people and, apart from the main altar, will house 15 separate chapels when completed.

Construction was begun 45 years ago under the reign of King Leopold II who wanted to build a national centre of prayer, dominating from a hill the Brussels landscape.

Special trains and motor coaches were run today to convey worshippers from the remotest provinces into the Belgian capital—Reuter.



These pictures are the first to be received in Hong Kong of the murder by Communist bandits of Sir Henry Gurney, High Commissioner to Malaya, in an ambush near Kuala Lumpur. Top picture shows the Rolls-Royce car in which Sir Henry and Lady Gurney were driving, with Sir Henry's walking stick and his wife's straw sun hat on the seat where they were left. Lower picture was taken from the actual ambush spot. Cross marks the spot where Sir Henry's car came to a halt and arrow shows the direction Sir Henry took when he left the car and was slain.—AP Pictures.

Polish Food Shortage

London, Oct. 14. Poland's Vice-Premier said today that the Polish Government was taking more powers to deal with the present food shortage in the country, according to Warsaw Radio.

The Vice-Premier, M. Hilary Minc, was addressing a national conference in Warsaw of Communist Party elite workers, the Radio said. He gave three main reasons for the shortages:

- 1.—Developments in industry had overtaken those in agriculture.
- 2.—The potato harvest was very poor.
- 3.—A serious drought had hampered autumn sowing.

Immediate measures to meet the shortages, announced by him, were: (1) A Government order for compulsory purchase of potatoes at short notice from all farms in the country; and (2) The import of animal fodder to speed pig-breeding programmes.—Reuter.

They Left Spare Part Behind

Chamonix, Oct. 14. Four guides and mechanics who in two days climbed Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain, to the Dome du Goutier (4,800 metres) to repair an aeroplane stranded there, came down again today, having forgotten a necessary spare part for the plane's damaged rudder.

The gendarmes of Chamonix notified them that the plane's pilot, George Andre Zehr, of Geneva, would be prosecuted for landing illegally in France.

Zehr landed on the Dome du Goutier, highest level spot below the summit of Mont Blanc, on October 5, buckling his propeller and damaging the rudder. He failed to win a prize offered in Switzerland for a successful landing and take-off on Mont Blanc. The repair team said that they had replaced the damaged propeller and tested the plane's engine. They would make the climb again later this week with the necessary part for the rudder.—Reuter.

"New" Chinese Armies In Action On Korean Front Marked Increase In Efficiency & Fighting Skill

Korean front, Oct. 14.

The Chinese troops, now stubbornly defending their line in the western and central front against the Eighth Army's assaults, are better trained and have far more weapons—particularly artillery—than at any other time in the Korean campaign.

This is the opinion of Commonwealth and American staff officers as a result of the United Nations push, which has brought General James Van Fleet's forces up against an iron defence line which can be by no means entirely accounted for by the Communist advantage in terrain.

There has been marked increase in the fighting skill and efficiency of the Chinese, according to Allied officers who rate the Communists' organizational skill, deployment and use of fire-power as first-class.

The Chinese have always been reckoned as tough, hardy and individually skilful opponents. But their frontline soldiers now appear to have plenty of support from field artillery of all types and caliber and an administrative control which appeared to be lacking in the earlier phases of the campaign.

"I would go so far as to say that the Chinese army facing us today is patterned on and as good as the Western forces," one officer declared.

"We never felt that before. Apart from heavy weapons, the Chinese in the past have always been without solid administrative and technical guidance. That period is now over."

A Canadian 25th Brigade staff officer, cited a full-scale but alien-sized attack on the Princess Patricia's on the western front on Friday night to illustrate what he called "the new Chinese army."

MODEL ATTACK

The six-hour battle, during which the Chinese unsuccessfully tried to break through the Commonwealth lines, began with a 90-minute intense bombardment of the Princess Patricia's positions.

This was followed by a silent approach and a surge forward at a signal of Verey lights.

The Chinese did not break through the Canadian positions but they got to within grenade-throwing range and gave the Princess Patricia's one of the bitterest night's battle they had experienced.

The Chinese then withdrew under another artillery and mortar curtain.

This action, though it did not succeed, was a model attack against set defences.

RADIO LINKS

Earlier this week the Australians reported a similar attack with artillery preparation, firing off of Verey lights and a silent approach, totally dissimilar to the waves of charging, bugle-blowing, screaming troops which have hitherto characterized almost all Chinese assaults of any size.

The Chinese also appear to have revolutionized their communications system, which hitherto had been mostly carried out haphazardly and not very successfully by runners.

They have now got good radio and telephone links right up to their forward companies and have illustrated, during the last fortnight at least, an ability to bring down heavy fire near the front.

Gone are the days when Allied troops could motor and walk freely between forward companies and battalion command posts.

Artillery has been the Communists' biggest single gain during the summer months and the Allies are now beginning to feel the force of it.

The Chinese gunners, who are believed to have been instructed largely by Europeans, are reckoned to be in the top-class. Skilfully camouflaged and moved only at night, the Chinese guns are veritable needles in haystacks of densely wooded hills and scrub-lined valleys.

SUPPLY FEAT

Despite constant pounding by Allied warplanes and massed artillery barrages, the Communists are maintaining their supplies.

The constant question "How?" is probably best answered by the Canadian officer who said today: "Ten men used as pack animals equal one Dakota. That is the way to figure it."

To sum up: The Communists appear to those actively fighting them in this maze of hills to be altogether a more formidable force than they were six months ago.

The Eighth Army, of course, has also not been idle and it seems most unlikely that any future Chinese offensive would be able to more than seriously dent its line for a period.

But certainly the Eighth Army, with its present strength limited to its present role and without additional support beyond the confines of Korea, would be unable to drive anywhere near the Yalu River.

Allied troops, day by day, are inflicting heavy casualties on the Communists but are by no means escaping lightly themselves.

The fact at present, according to the best estimates of Allied officers at the front, is that the United Nations are paying a heavy price for their limited advance.—Reuter.

Four Raiders Knock Out Watchman

London, Oct. 14. Mr. Charles Tyler, a night watchman, was knocked out with an iron bar late at night when he walked in on four men about to blow open a safe in the premises of the Initial Towel Supply Co., in Goswell-road, E.C.

Mr. Tyler, aged about 50, of Kirk-street, Theobald's-road, managed to struggle to a telephone box to call for aid.

Then he saw the four runners away.

Detectives found elaborate preparations had been made to blow the safe. It had been tipped on one side, gelignite charges were near, and there was a pile of towels apparently to absorb the sound of an explosion.

Mr. Tyler was taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital suffering from concussion and a deep head cut.

Ankara Talks Progress

Ankara, Oct. 14. General Omar Bradley, United States Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, reported considerable progress after the military-political conference here today.

With the Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, and France's General Charles Leclerc, he had exploratory defence talks with Turkish political and military leaders.

General Bradley said that an understanding had been reached on all problems discussed. He added that full decisions could be taken after Turkey's admission to active membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.—Reuter.

BONN CALL TO EAST GERMANY

Bonn, Oct. 14. Herr Jacob Kaiser, West German Minister for All-German Affairs, today called on the East German Government to open the borders between East and West Germany.

If the Soviet Zone regime acted now, the West could drop its justified suspicion that the East wanted not elections but just a rostrum for Soviet propaganda, the Minister told a party rally here of East Zone Christian Democrats in exile. He is their chairman.

He said that the West German Government had asked that the borders be opened to free traffic at least three months before the all-German elections to enable all parties freely to prepare for them.

Herr Kaiser asked the East German Premier, Dr. Otto Grotewohl, to support immediately the West German request for an international neutral commission to supervise the elections.

Until now, Dr. Grotewohl's action for the unification of Germany seemed to be nothing but a manoeuvre, he said.

"We shall do everything in our power to out-manoeuvre him so that the true intentions of the Soviet Union will become known," he said.

He said that the East Zone request that West Germany stop the negotiations with the Western Allies on German sovereignty and unification meant that Moscow wanted to direct West Germany's foreign policy.

The East Zone wanted to discuss not an election order but the world order. "We cannot discuss the world order with puppets," he said. "These puppets want the democratisation of Germany but today every child in the East Zone knows that democratisation in the Soviet vocabulary means Sovietisation."—Reuter.

Railway Traffic Paralysed

Haifa, Oct. 14. Israeli engine drivers struck today for higher wages, completely paralysing railway traffic.

Thousands of people thronged stations in Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem, waiting for trains, but eventually had to take buses or other means of transport. This disrupted road traffic schedules in turn.

Large quantities of perishable goods piled up in Haifa port threaten to spoil if the strike does not end soon.—Reuter.

Aborigines Got There First

Sydney, Oct. 14. Government geologists in North Australia were exploring the limits of the uranium deposits to be used in the manufacture of atom bombs. To their surprise, they found an armament factory already established on the site.

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ROYAL VISIT TO U.S.

Handshakes Will Replace Curtsies At Reception

Washington, Oct. 14.

American-type handshakes rather than the curtsies traditional with English Royalty will be in style at the big reception the British Embassy is planning for Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

There just won't be enough room to curtsy, so many people are coming to the Embassy for the reception on October 31. Also a kneebend takes longer than a handshake—and there will be two thousand hands, about half of them feminine, to be shaken between 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. that afternoon.

Sir Oliver Franks, the Ambassador, and Lady Franks will be the hosts.

Lady Franks expects the Princess will want to follow the American custom and shake hands.

The two thousand invited guests are now in the main to this largest party ever planned at the Embassy here. About the last foot of standing place has been calculated.

About 800 more invitations are being sent out for the party than for the reception held at the Embassy in honour of Queen Elizabeth and King George, the Princess's parents, when they visited this country in 1949.

Because Washington is the only place in the United States the young couple will get to see for any length of time on their three-day visit, Sir Oliver and Lady Franks are trying to gather as representative a group of Americans as they can for the reception.

WIDE LIST

Congress is talking of adjourning next week, but it is a safe bet there will be Senators and Representatives in town over November 1. Their wives will see to it that for the entire 532 membership of House and Senate are being invited.

"We thought that way the Princess and the Duke would get to meet people coming from all sections of the country," said Lady Franks.

The invitation list is a very different type of list from that to the reception honouring the King and Queen. That was mainly official, diplomatic and social. This has a far wider range.

In fact, it ranges from the ageless Jamieson, Charles Brown, who has been a messenger at the Embassy for years, to the Vice-President and Mrs. Barkley.

Lady Franks said that a large number of the Royal Family are trying to keep the reception informal. "At or all the Princess and the Duke don't live very formally," she said.

But it can't help but be very swanky. The regular house staff—and doorman Tom Butler—will be in livery. Yellow and bronze chrysanthemums decorate

"WONDERFUL DAY"

Niagara Falls, Oct. 14. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh had what the Princess called "a wonderful day" today at this traditional honeymooners' paradise on the border between Canada and the United States.

The Royal couple drove slowly through cheering crowds up to the Falls, with spray falling on them, then leaned over the parapet to look into the boiling maelstrom below.

Later they put on waterproof clothes before going down by lift to a tunnel running behind the thundering torrent. Opening the second week of their Canadian tour, they arrived here in warm sunshine after travelling overnight by train from Toronto.

The first thing they did was to go to church. After the visit to the Falls, the party returned to the train to begin a long journey through Western Ontario to Windsor.—Reuter.

Elections In India

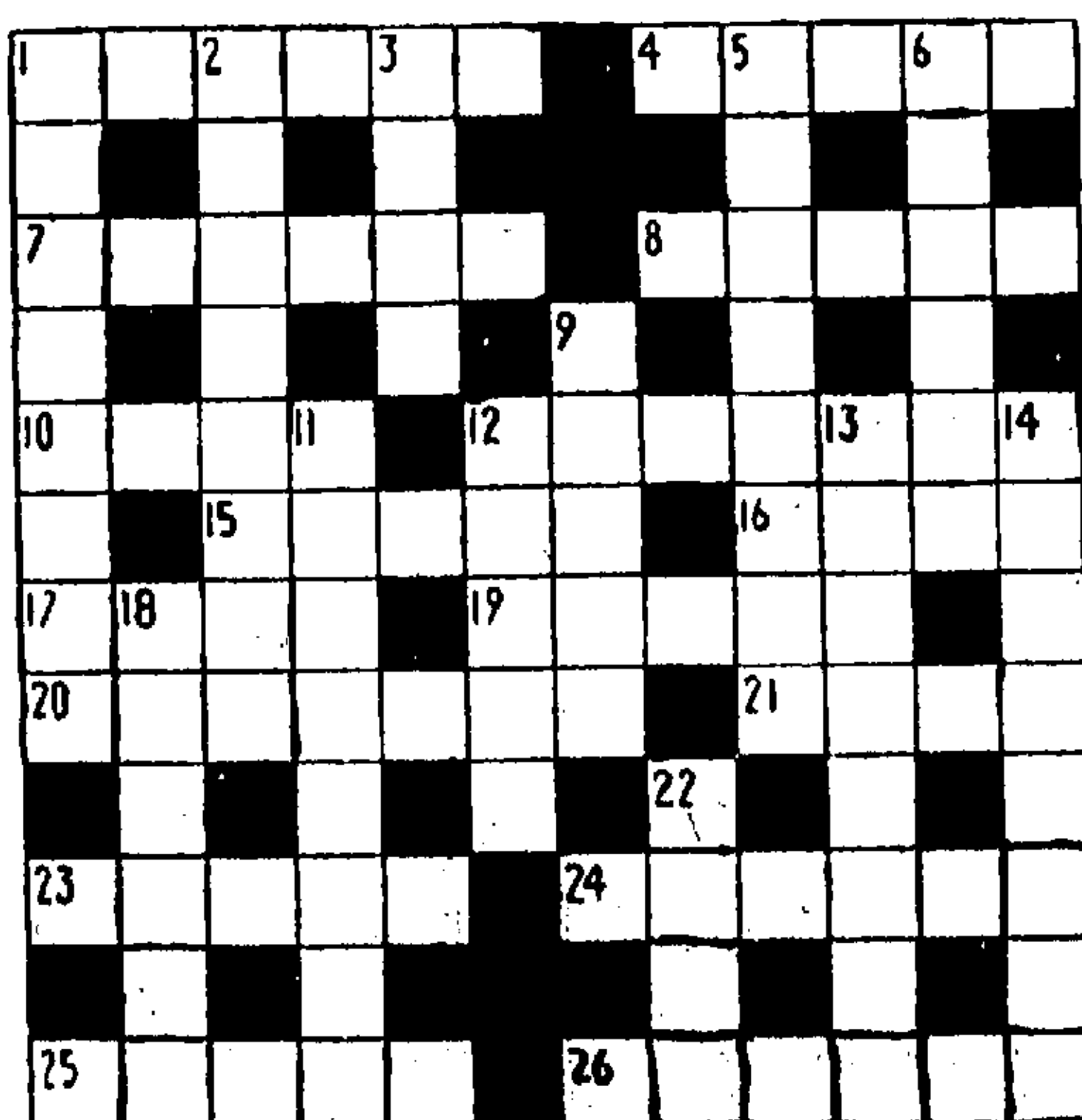
New Delhi, Oct. 14.

Voting in India's first general election will begin in the State of Himachal Pradesh on October 25—the same date as Britain's elections.

Six other Indian States will vote by the end of the year and the remainder will vote during January. Final results are expected by the end of February.

Competing for votes will be the Congress Party led by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Socialists, Communists, the People's Party (rebel Congress Party group), the All India Caste Federation (Untouchables) and the Justice (non-Brahmin) Party of Madras.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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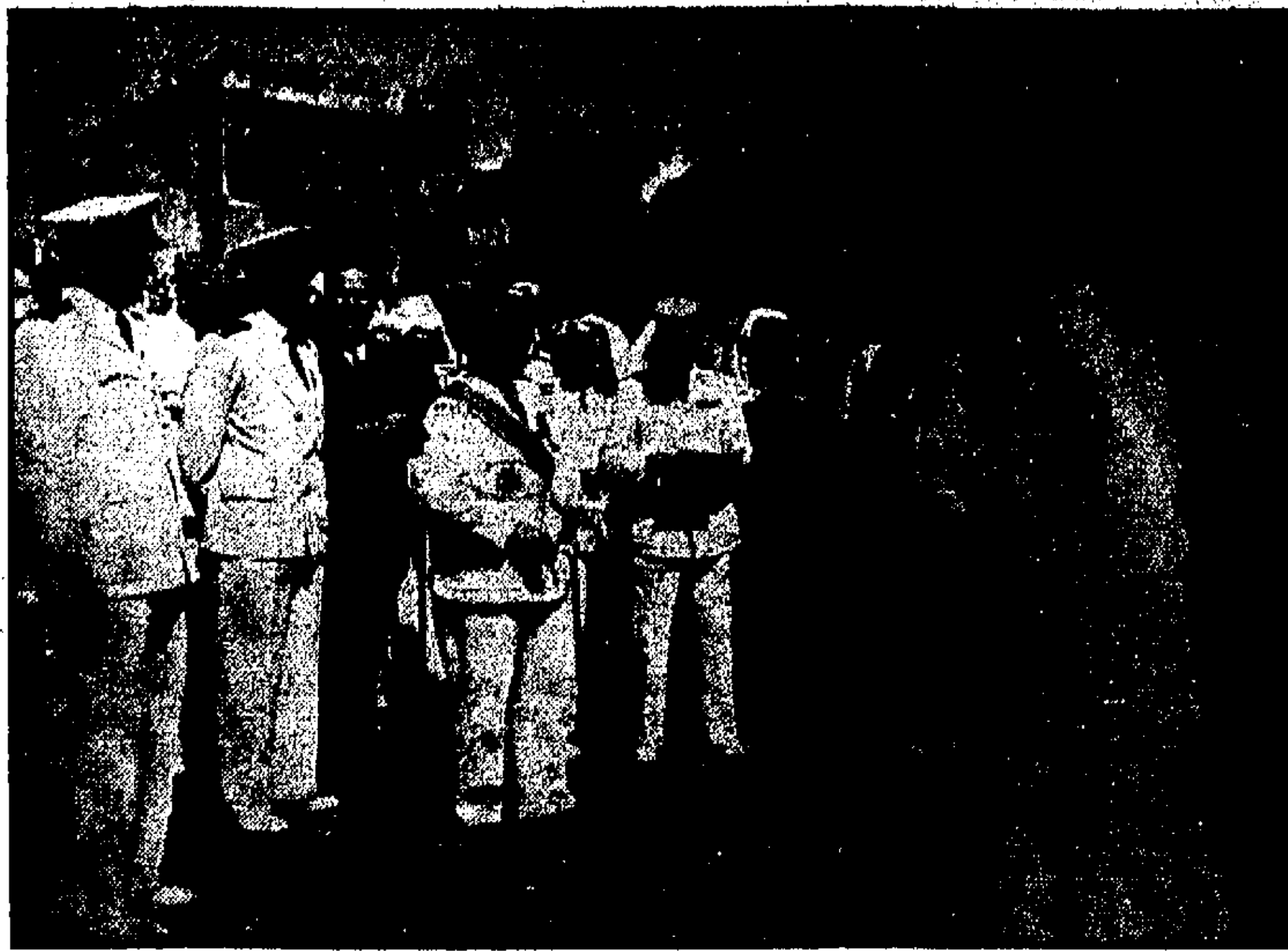
- 1 Conundrum (6)
- 2 Tempest (5)
- 3 Unreliable (6)
- 4 Speaks imperfectly (5)
- 5 Frolic (4)
- 6 Make up (7)
- 7 Danger (5)
- 8 Reveal (4)
- 9 Fritcher (4)
- 10 Madam (5)
- 11 Inferred (7)
- 12 Agitate (4)
- 13 Series of links (5)
- 14 Repudiate (6)
- 15 Bonita (5)
- 16 Pure (6)

DOWN

- 1 Alluded (8)
- 2 Run off (8)
- 3 Cheerful tune (4)
- 4 Excursionists (8)
- 5 Rest (6)
- 6 Substantial (5)
- 7 Rending (6)
- 8 Quoted (5)
- 9 Pinclits (8)
- 10 Fascinate (8)
- 11 Animal (6)
- 12 Opulent (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Slippered, 11 Custom, 9 Operator, 11 Prestige, 12 Icks, 13 Rebel, 15 Sedan, 16 Plan, 22 Panniers, 24 Attained, 25 Abdour, 26 Glossary. Down: 1 Scoop, 2 Usher, 3 Soother, 4 Impl, 5 Pare, 6 Relire, 7 Duree, 10 Eggad, 14 Began, 15 Laundry, 16 Spring, 17 Tattled, 18 Began, 21 Usher, 22 Pips, 23 Wane.

Morocco Welcomes New Resident-General



Occupation Regime In Japan Preparing To Go Out Of Business

Tokyo, Oct. 15.

Without fanfare and without a fixed schedule, the Occupation of Japan is going out of business.

The Supreme Occupation Commander's voice over Japanese affairs now is a polite whisper of occasional advice to a Government tacitly recognised as sovereign.

Allies Still Using Berlin Airlift

Berlin, Oct. 14.

Allied civil planes still fly about 100 tons of West Berlin exports to West Germany each day.

Most of the goods flown out are made with non-ferrous metals. For these the Soviet zone authorities demand certificates of origin which the West Berlin City Government refuses to submit in accordance with an Allied order.

The "Little Airlift" was put into operation last July after East Germany refused to issue transit permits for certain kinds of West Berlin exports.

When the new inter-zonal trade agreement was signed here after prolonged negotiations last September 20, East Germans promised to stop interfering with West Berlin's trade and traffic to and from West Germany.

But the promise has not yet fully materialised.

The road tax, introduced for West German and West Berlin motor vehicles using the Autobahn between Berlin and West Germany, has only partially been lifted.

The Magdeburg-Rothensee canal locks, closed for inter-zonal barge traffic last January, have not yet been reopened.

Taking part in the airlift are American, British and French planes.

The freight mainly consists of electrical equipment, radio and television sets and small machinery.—Reuter.

ISE SHRINE DISPUTE

Tokyo, Oct. 14.

Public hearings next month will decide whether Japan's national sanctuary, the Sun Goddess Shrine at Ise, should open its grounds for manganese ore prospecting and mining, the Kyodo news agency reported here today.

The old mining law forbade mining within half a kilometre (about a quarter of a mile) from Japanese shrines but the new mining law has no such provision.

The Land Adjustment Committee, which under the new law has to settle disputes of this kind, has called for hearings to decide on a petition from a prospector.

The Prefectural Governor for the area has asked the Committee to refuse the petition and declare the Ise Shrine grounds an "out of bounds" area.

The Ise Shrine is about 40 miles south of Nagoya.—Reuter.

SCAP's special staff has been cut almost to a final minimum of less than 1,000 civilians and officers.

Japan will remain under nominal occupation rule, however, through this autumn and winter, General Matthew B. Ridgway will cease to be the ruler, and become the guest of Japan only after a majority of the wartime Pacific allies formally ratify the peace treaty. That probably will not come until several weeks after United States Senate ratification, expected in late January or early February.

Those Japanese who expected a spectacular change soon after the San Francisco peace conference are due for a disappointment.

Thousands of American military officials, civilians and their families will continue to live in Tokyo if the Korean war continues after the end of the occupation.

Under the United States-Japan military base agreement, the American forces were to be withdrawn from major cities so as to make a clean break with the atmosphere of occupation. But while the Korean war continues, General Ridgway's military headquarters will be allowed to continue operations in the Tokyo-Yokohama area and extensive use of other Japanese facilities as part of Japan's announced decision to support the United Nations action.

His staff of military and civilian officers and employees and their families will continue to use Tokyo office buildings and live in houses originally commandeered from owners by the Japanese Government for use of the occupation.

The caste system under which the occupier lived on a level above, the Japanese and insulated against contact with them is being partially abolished, however. Special railway cars, lavatories and seating sections for Allied personnel are being discontinued, and public signs discriminating against Japanese have been taken down.

Occupation officials told the United Press that no final target date had been set for ending the last SCAP controls over the Japanese Government. They indicated that they had reduced staffs and operations to a point where they could close shop on short notice—well under the 90 days following ratification allowed by the peace treaty.—United Press.

No Bulletin On The King

London, Sept. 14.

No bulletin on the King's health was issued from Buckingham Palace this weekend. But doctors are continuing to see him daily.

A bulletin issued on Friday—the 19th since his operation for lung resection on September 23—said that the King had continued to make uninterrupted progress.

Yesterday he watched a horse race meeting on television and saw his horses, Good Shot, ridden by champion jockey Gordon Richards, win the Tankerville Stakes at Ascot, Berkshire.—Reuter.

General Augustine Guillaume, new French Resident-General of Morocco, was officially welcomed on his arrival from France at Rabat. Photo shows the Pasha of Rabat delivering an address of welcome to General Guillaume (wearing sash).—AP Picture.

Vanishing Concept Of Empire

New York, Oct. 14.

The New York Times in its leading article today said that the concept of empire in a free world was passing away.

The article was headlined "The Twilight Of Empire."

"The British are in no position and no mood to force their will on any country, whether or not that country is or ever has been a part of the old imperial system," the newspaper said.

"It is easy to draw a historical parallel and so say that London is going the way of imperial Rome and the other capitals that once gave orders."

"But what is passing away is not the British Empire so much as it is the concept of empire in the free world."

The New York Times said that Britain had presided over several kinds of empire and recalled the constitutional development of the Dominions, India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon.

"It is to be hoped that the spirit of nationalism, which has risen to fanatical heights in the Middle East and elsewhere, will not become a real obstacle to peaceful co-operation," the newspaper said.

"We need not blame those who are afflicted by it. In many instances they are members of coloured races formerly classified by Caucasians as, at best, second-rate citizens. The day has passed when this sort of discrimination or the benevolent and patronising policies which often followed it can be tolerated."

"But the newly-liberated nations will have to understand that political nationalism will not get them far in the contemporary world. If they wish to be safe and free they will have to sit down at the common table and take part with the rest of the free world."

"There is no longer any neutrality."—Reuter.

Pacific Quake Recorded

New York, Oct. 14.

An earthquake 100 miles below the earth's surface in the general area of Indonesia was reported by the Fordham University seismograph today.

The Reverend Joseph Lynch said the first of two tremors occurred at 9.40.21 p.m. GMT and the second 20 seconds later.

Another tremor was recorded at 10.41.17 p.m. GMT on Saturday about 4,000 miles from New York. Its direction was not determined.—Associated Press.

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Tel-Aviv, Oct. 14.

The United States Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Mervin B. Davis, is expected to deliver an important communication tomorrow to the Israeli Premier, Dr. David Ben-Gurion, on Israel's part in the proposed Middle East defence organisation, an Israeli spokesman said today.

Assurances that Israel interests within the Middle East defence organisation will be protected were reported to have been given by Mr. Davis yesterday to Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Office.

In Sydney, the Australian Opposition leader, Dr. Herbert Evatt, today defended the British policy in the Middle East, declaring that both Egypt and Persia owed their territorial integrity and security to Britain and the Commonwealth.

On Egypt's legislation to abrogate the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and to declare King Farouk "King of the Sudan," Dr. Evatt said: "I do not suppose anybody would be very concerned if, in addition to calling their king the King of Sudan they also proclaimed him King of Monte Carlo."

"Such an idle gesture is obviously designed to divert attention from the internal government of a peasantry groaning under the oppression of a small group of exploiters," he said.

"In this respect Egypt resembles Persia."

Dr. Evatt was speaking at an afternoon meeting of the Central Methodist Mission in Newcastle, New South Wales.—Reuter.

STOCKHOLM MISSION

Stockholm, Oct. 14.

The Swedish Defence Minister, Torsten Nilsson, said today that Egypt's Defence Minister, Mostafa Nosrat Pasha, had asked him to delay Swedish orders from the Bofors armaments factory so that Egyptian orders could be executed.

"I told him this was absolutely impossible," Nilsson added.

The Egyptian Minister has spent a week here ordering arms and arranging for Swedish engineers to help Egypt build up her arms industry.

He said before leaving for Paris today that he had made an agreement for more Swedish technicians to work in Egypt. He disclosed that a number are working there already but refused to comment further on his mission here.

A Swedish Foreign Office spokesman said that Nosrat had no negotiations with the Swedish Government.—Reuter.

Persia Not In Hurry Over Abadan

Basrah, Oct. 14.

Persia is in no hurry to restart the Abadan oil refinery, General Taghi Rahi, newly appointed "General Refinery Manager" said today.

Speaking over the telephone from Abadan, General Rahi told Reuter that there had been no decision yet about restarting the refinery and that the Persians had not even taken preparatory steps to get the plant into production again.

Asked about the tanker position, General Rahi said, "I am not well versed in that matter." He said that Abadan was continuing to supply Persia with oil goods for internal transport needs.

A British oil expert said here today that he had not been able to confirm a report from an Abadan source that the Persians intend in about two months' time to restart one distillation unit of the refinery.

He explained that before the refinery can be restarted stocks must be drawn away from storage tanks which were left filled when the refinery closed. The only drain on the tanks at present is for internal sales—the only revenue Persia has got so far from the nationalised oil industry.—Reuter.

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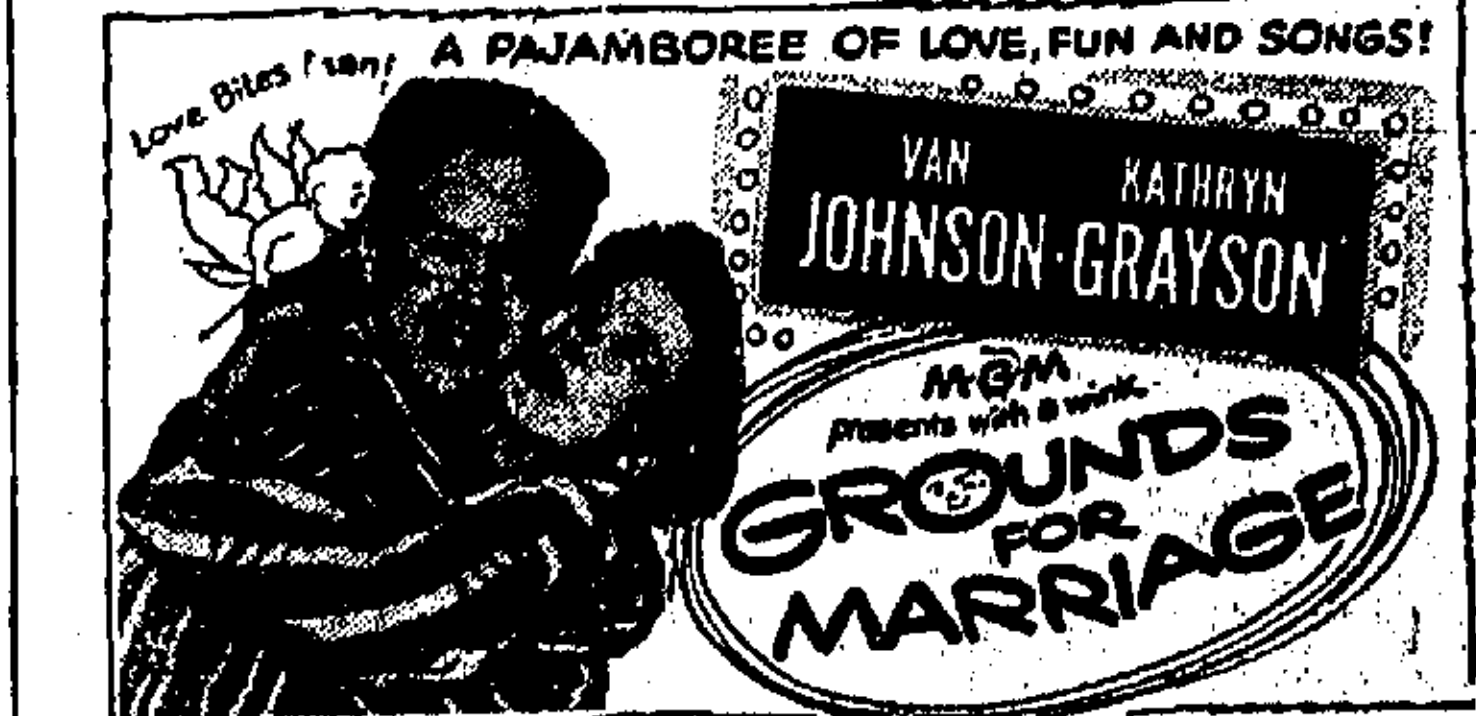
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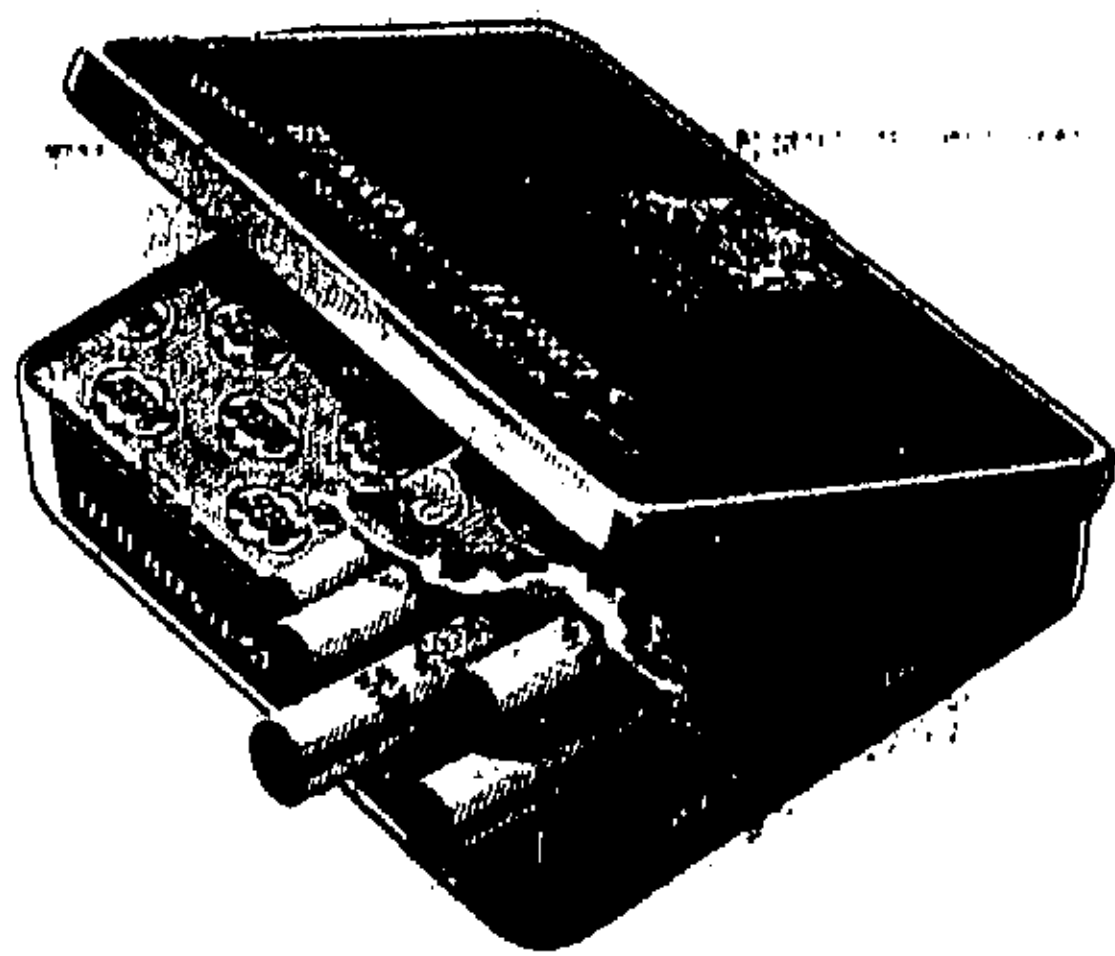
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PINCHER

SOUTH BEND (Indiana). BEHIND an impressive candle-lit copy of the Lourdes Miracle Grotto set here in the lake-studded campus of Notre Dame University, the world's most pampered animals are living in the world's weirdest laboratory.

Using 200,000 dollars-worth of queer equipment, 43 American scientists are devoting their lives to ensuring that their caged monkeys, guinea-pigs, cats, dogs, rabbits, rats and mice shall never come in contact with a germ of any kind.

These animals are born, live and die in germ-proof steel chambers warmed by infra-red lamps and supplied with air from which every microbe has been meticulously filtered. They are brought into the world by caesarian operations carried out under antiseptic conditions far more exacting than those demanded for human surgery.

As the babies never associate with their normal germ-laden mothers, they are bottle-fed every two hours by shift-work scientists, who have to take fantastic precautions to avoid contaminating their charges.

FEEDING

I watched a scientist feed the animals living in the laboratory's biggest germ-tight chamber—a huge steel drum which can house 800 animals in cages.

First he put on a plastic diving suit, complete with helmet and gloves, into which he was sealed by an assistant using a hot jet to weld loose seams.

While air was pumped to him through a flexible breathing tube, he climbed through an air-lock into a sealed glass-sided cubicle where he took an antiseptic shower.

Next, lifting a manhole in the floor, he plunged into a deep tank filled with strong disinfectant. After walking slowly across this tank completely submerged, so that every germ lurking in the diving suit would be killed, he lifted a second manhole and emerged into the chamber. Opening a can of steam-sterilized artificial milk, he fed the youngsters with a miniature baby's bottle.

Then he gave the older animals a plate of sterile food fortified with vitamins and a drink of canned water.

REPORTING

While he weighed and examined the animals, he reported his findings through a microphone built into the diving suit.

He came out the way he had entered, bringing samples for microscope tests, which showed that the animals were still germ-free.

The animals living in smaller "detached" chambers are fed by scientists operating through long rubber gauntlets sealed into the steel sides.

Prime purpose of this expensive set-up, which is the brain-child of handsome, 43-year-old Professor James Royne, was simply to find out if healthy animals could be reared free from germs.

As was expected, the blood of the germless animals contains no protective antibodies against germ attack. If exposed to infection, they go down quicker than normal animals.



★ A SCIENTIST, sealed into his plastic diving suit, is treated with a disinfectant shower. But that is not enough to render him completely germ-free to pass the Notre Dame tests. He must now dive into a double tank filled with disinfectant. When he comes up on the far side he will be inside a germ-free room.

Royne is now planning experiments on human infectious diseases which have never been possible before.

When he started up the project with no asset other than confidence in his ability, he was rated as a young dreamer attempting the impossible.

What I saw here convinced me that he is a near genius whose far-sightedness is beginning to pay off with rich results for medicine and science.

(London Express Service)

ITALY SURRENDERS TO THE ALLIES

By Winston S. Churchill

On Aug. 3, 1943, peace approaches were made to the British Embassy at Lisbon by the new Counsellor of the Italian Legation, the Marquis D'Ayala. Three days later another Italian diplomat, Signor Berio, indicated to the British representative at Tangier that Marshal Badoglio had authorised him to open negotiations.

With President Roosevelt's approval, Signor Berio was informed that the Allies required an unconditional surrender, but would then state terms which would "provide for an honourable capitulation."

THESE tentative approaches by the Italian Government were now superseded by the appearance in Spain of a plenipotentiary from the Italian High Command. On August 15 Gen. Castellano, Chief of Staff to Gen. Ambrosio, called on Sir Samuel Hoare at the British Embassy in Madrid.

Castellano said that he was instructed by Marshal Badoglio to say that as soon as the Allies landed on the Italian mainland the Italian Government was prepared to join them against Germany.

If the Allies accepted the proposal Castellano would immediately give detailed information about German troop dispositions. I at once passed this new information to the President.

Unconditional surrender

THE President and I agreed that Eisenhower should send Gen. Bedell Smith and the British Gen. Strong, head of his Intelligence Staff, to Lisbon to open negotiations there with the Italian emissary. They took with them the final military terms of surrender, which had now been thrashed out in our "Quadrant" conference at Quebec.

The President and Prime Minister to Gen. Eisenhower, 18 Aug., '43.

Acting on instructions, the British Ambassador in Lisbon will have arranged a meeting with Gen. Castellano. Your Staff officers will be present. At this meeting a communication to Gen. Castellano will be made on the following lines.

The unconditional surrender of Italy is accepted on the terms stated in the document to be handed to him. (He should then be given the armistice terms for Italy already agreed and previously sent to you. He should be told that these do not include political, economic, or financial terms, which will be communicated later by other means.)

These terms do not visualise the active assistance of Italy in fighting the Germans. The extent to which the terms will be modified in favour of Italy will depend on how far the Italian Government and people do in fact aid the United Nations against Germany during the remainder of the war.

The United Nations, however, state without reservation

that wherever Italian forces or Italians fight Germans or destroy German property or hamper German movement they will be given all possible support by the forces of the United Nations. Meanwhile, provided information about the enemy is immediately and regularly supplied, Allied bombing will so far as possible be directed upon targets which affect the movements and operations of German forces.

The cessation of hostilities between the United Nations and Italy will take effect from a date and hour to be notified by Gen. Eisenhower. Italian Government must undertake: to proclaim the armistice immediately it is announced by Gen. Eisenhower, and to order their

forces and people from that hour to collaborate with the Allies and to resist the Germans.

The Italian Government must, at the hour of the armistice, order that all United Nations prisoners in danger of capture by the Germans shall be immediately released.

The Italian Government must, at the hour of the armistice, order the Italian Fleet and as much of their merchant shipping as possible to put to sea for Allied ports. As many military aircraft as possible shall fly to Allied bases. Any ships or aircraft in danger of capture by the Germans must be destroyed.

Gen. Castellano should be told that meanwhile there is a good deal that Badoglio can do without the Germans becoming aware of what is afoot. The precise character and extent of his action must be left to his judgment, but the following are the general lines which should be suggested to him:

General passive resistance throughout the country, if this order can be conveyed to local authorities without the Germans knowing.

German must not be allowed to take over Italian coast defences.

Make arrangements to be put in force at the proper time for Italian formations in the Balkans to march to the coast, with a view to their being taken off to Italy by United Nations.

It is difficult to make hard-cut military negotiations fit in with flexible diplomacy. The Italian envoy general at Lisbon was placed in a hopeless position. The purpose of his visit, as he envisaged, was to discuss how Italy could take the field against Germany. Bedell Smith had to reply that he could only discuss unconditional surrender.

Carton de Wiart goes free

THE discussions in Lisbon with Gen. Castellano continued throughout the night of Aug. 18. The Italian general drew out on

a map the dispositions of both the German and Italian forces in Italy after he had realised that there would be no yielding by Bedell Smith upon the question of terms. After a suitable delay in order to cover up his visit to Portugal, Castellano returned to Rome bearing the military terms of surrender and also a wireless set and Allied codes in order to remain in contact with Allied Force Headquarters in Algiers.

Yet another Italian emissary, Gen. Zanussi, appeared on Aug. 26 in Lisbon. He was the principal assistant to the chief of the Italian General Staff, and was accompanied by Gen. Carton de Wiart, V. C., who had been released from a British prisoner-of-war camp to act as intermediary to this mission.

The purpose of this latest visitor was far from clear. Perhaps Badoglio feared that Castellano had given too much away and wanted to be clear what he was doing. Carton de Wiart had been told that "one dove had been sent out, but as it had not returned another was being dispatched." Zanussi had instructions from Badoglio to try to reach London and press for an Allied landing north of Rome.

As discussions had already begun with Castellano, it was decided to send Zanussi to Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters. Before he left, however, an incident of chivalry took place. The Italian general wished to return to Rome to report on the failure of his mission. He discussed the matter with his English companion, who quietly said that he was of course prepared to accompany him.

The Italian replied that he would not bear of such a plan. He knew that all had been done that was possible to get him to England, and he would go and see Gen. Eisenhower as suggested. Carton de Wiart should therefore consider himself free. It was an Anglo-Italian episode which may well be remembered by both nations.

Italy not free agent

ON Aug. 31 Gen. Bedell Smith, accompanied by Gen. Zanussi, met Castellano in Sicily, as had been arranged. Castellano explained that if the Italian Government were a free agent they would accept and announce the armistice terms as the Allies desired. They were, however, under the control of the Germans.

Since the Lisbon meeting the Germans had sent more troops into Italy, and the whole country was virtually under German occupation. It was therefore impossible for the armistice to be announced at the time required by the Allies—i.e., before the main Allied landing in Italy, details of which Castellano was most anxious to learn. The Italians wanted to be quite sure that these landings would be

strong enough to guarantee the security of the King and Government in Rome.

It was clear that the Italian Government were particularly anxious that we should make a landing north of Rome to protect them against the German divisions near the city. Castellano talked in terms of 15 Allied divisions taking part in such an operation. Gen. Bedell Smith made it clear that he was not prepared to continue the talks on the basis that the armistice should be announced after the main Allied landings, and refused to give him any information on the strength of the impending Allied operations.

Castellano thereupon asked to be allowed to consult his Government again. He was told that the terms were final and the time-limit had already expired, but that in view of the present discussion the Allies were willing to wait until midnight of Sept. 1/2, by which time a firm acceptance or refusal must be given. That evening Castellano returned to Rome.

The Allied High Command perceived that the Italian Government was rapidly losing its nerve and would not have the courage to sign an armistice unless convinced of the overwhelming strength of the Anglo-American attack upon the mainland of Italy. Gen. Eisenhower therefore decided to inform Gen. Castellano of his plan to land an airborne force near Rome.

Signed in orange grove

THIS would depend upon a guarantee by Badoglio's Government that the armistice is signed and announced as desired by the Allies: that the Italians should seize and hold the necessary airfields and stop all aircraft fire; that the Italian divisions in the Rome area would take action against the Germans.

Gen. Castellano returned to Sicily, formally authorised by his Government to sign the military terms of surrender. On Sept. 3 in an olive grove near Syracuse the act was performed. Before dawn on Sept. 3 the British Eighth Army had crossed the Straits of Messina to enter the Italian mainland.

I now remained to co-ordinate the terms of the Italian surrender with our military strategy. The American Gen. Taylor, of the 82nd Airborne Division was sent to Rome on Sept. 7. His secret mission was to arrange with the Italian General Staff for the airfields around the capital to be seized during the night of the 9th. But the situation had radically changed since Castellano had asked for Allied protection. The Germans met powerful forces at hand, and appeared to be in possession of the airfields. The Italian army was demoralised and short of ammunition.

At two o'clock on the morning of Sept. 8 Gen. Taylor saw Badoglio, who, since the airfields were lost, begged for delay in broadcasting the armistice terms. He had in fact already telegraphed to Algiers that the security of the Rome airfields could not be guaranteed. The armistice was therefore cancelled.

Quick decision by Eisenhower

EISENHOWER now had to make a quick decision. The attack on Salerno was due to be launched within less than 24 hours. He therefore telegraphed to the Combined Chiefs of Staff: "I have just completed a conference with the principal commanders, and have determined not to accept the Italian change of attitude. We intend to proceed in accordance with plan for the announcement of the armistice, and with subsequent propaganda and other measures. Marshal Badoglio is being informed through our direct link that this instrument entered into by his accredited representative with presumed good faith on both sides is considered valid and binding, and that we will not recognise any deviation from our original agreement. After consultation the President and I sent the following reply:

It is the view of the President and the Prime Minister that the agreement having been signed, you should make such public announcements regarding it as would facilitate your military operations.

Accordingly at 8 p.m. Gen. Eisenhower broadcast the announcement of the armistice, followed by the text of the declaration which Marshal Badoglio himself announced about an hour later from Rome. The surrender of Italy had been completed.

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(MORE TOMORROW)

THE END OF THE RAINBOW

Britain's Election stirs the Americans...

from FREDERICK COOK

NEW YORK. THE Americans this time are not even going through the motions of honouring the time-worn fiction that a British election is none of their affair. They think it is—especially this one. Right across the USA they are quite openly hoping for a Tory victory. And most of them think it is in the bag.

Writing from London, Skippers-Howard columnist Parker La Moore warns, however, it may prove easier to turn the Socialists' out than to repair the damage they have done. Fuel and power shortages this winter may be as serious as in 1947. There is the shortage of train crews threatening transport breakdown.

There are rising living costs, meat ration cuts and the widening gap between imports and exports.

The Socialists says La Moore may be condemned

for not facing up to these problems earlier but the incoming Government will find them difficult to solve.

Ludwell Denny, Washington columnist for the same paper, believes that a Tory victory would bring no basic change in British policy, but "the Conservatives would bring more needed administrative efficiency to the Government than the Labourites."

What happens could be important for Americans, says the Wall Street Journal. "A Labour victory might mean more bailing out of Britain's ailing economy—a Tory victory, fewer drains on the American taxpayer."

The Journal expects no new Socialist projects and thinks nationalisation schemes are now

stuck away for fear of offending the middle-class, whose votes will be decisive.

Says the influential Kansas City Star: "The people are tired of controls, ever-mounting taxes, and the failure of Labour to solve the major problems. The temper of the people places Labour on the defensive and it is inconceivable that Mr. Churchill will allow them to 'get off'."

Even on the American Left there is no optimism about Labour's chances.

In the New York Post, for instance, Frank Kingdon, just back from London, writes: "I expect the Conservatives to win a majority of 20 to 30. The one group that may profit politically from the present situation is that of Aneurin Bevan. The struggle of this group for control may well be the most dramatic political story of England in the coming months."

In the Hearst newspapers, Washington political columnist

George Brown says: "The British people have reached the end of their rainbow."

"Socialism has been given a fair and very long trial and has proved a delusion."

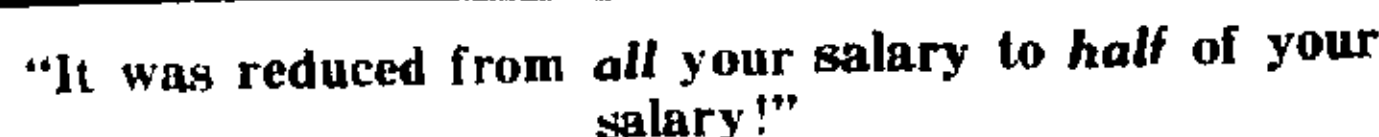
In St. Louis, Missouri, there is unanimity. The Courier Journal says bluntly: "Labour's chances don't look bright. There's little doubt Anglo-American relations will be improved by a Tory victory."

And the Globe Democrat says: "British Socialism is at its lowest ebb. Unless there is a revival of Socialist fervour Labour's supremacy looks doomed."

The Boston Herald feels the coming Socialist rejection may be in name only but adds: "Even that is important in the Anglo-American partnership. A Conservative Government will be small sweeter on this side of the Atlantic."

New York Herald Tribune's London correspondent, Joseph Newman, believes Mr. Atlee is basing his hopes on the belief that Labour will hold its following while the Tories will fail to increase theirs.

Opinion polls do not support this, comments Newman

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THE VICTORY WAS LARGELY NOEL ARTHY'S AND GERRY GOSANO'S

A brilliant bowling spell of five wickets for 27 runs by Gerry Gosano and a faultless knock of 46 runs not out by Noel Arthy yesterday enabled the Colony XI to beat the Hongkong and Singapore Combined Services by six wickets in their three-day match at Chater Road.

The Colony dismissed the remaining six Services batsmen in 173 overs yesterday with the addition of only 36 runs to their overnight second innings score of 110. With already a lead of 44 runs on the first innings the Colony started rather shakily in their seemingly easy task of knocking up 103 runs in 254 minutes during their second lease of the wicket to win the match.

Four quick wickets fell in succession for 63 runs, mainly through the haste of the batsmen to end the match before the tea interval. A patient skipper's innings of 25 not out by

Alec Pearce gave Arthy in his brilliant innings the needed support to bring the side safely through the required score. Arthy gave another faultless batting display for his 46 runs not out. Despite the comparatively easy task confronting his side, his innings was marked by extreme patience. He watched the ball closely and only chose loose ones to hit.

His 46 included five fours, and not only gave him his third "net out" innings against the visitors, but gave him a batting average of 187.00 in his last two matches against the visitors.

Except for Pearce, and possibly Oliver and L. G. Gosano, the batting form of the Colony side has not been too impressive.

But for the good knock of Arthy in both innings and the brilliant bowling spell by G. N. Gosano yesterday, one would still doubt if the Colony would have won the match.

The Colony bowlers did more than their job, with Teh being the only one failing to come up to the standard.

Nervousness in the "big match" atmosphere might have contributed to his erratic opening spells, and although he did perhaps have done better, particularly with his lengths had he been given time to settle down, Pearce, like that good captain that he is, took no chances.

The Services again upheld their reputation in the bowling department, and their defeat came largely from a lack of batting strength.

Gutierrez Shield Tournament Results

The following were the results of the preliminary round of the Gutierrez Shield (International) Lawn Bowls Competition played yesterday:

Scotland (W. M. McCall, R. B. Robertson, W. J. D. Cameron, J. McKelvie) beat Ireland (T. Kavanagh, J. A. Fox, S. Leonard, W. C. Higgins) 37-10.

England (G. C. Norman, G. F. Perkins, W. C. Simpson, B. W. Bradbury) beat Philippines (L. Silva, V. Alenza, R. Bassa, A. Coates) 20-16.

China (F. Lee, G. Hong Choy, J. M. Wong, W. Hong Sling) beat Pakistan (J. M. A. Rana, J. A. M. Rana, J. K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar) 25-18.

Switzerland (L. Gaddi, D. Rossetti, R. Rossetti, J. S. Lau, dot) beat Persia (P. J. Billimoria, R. K. Pavi, M. J. Divecha, F. R. Kermani) 25-18.

Malaya (M. Y. Adal, S. Yusuf, M. B. Hassan, A. R. Kitchell) beat Canada (R. W. Holloway, G. D. Scramstad, K. Johnston, D. Trail) 20-11.

THE NEXT ROUND

The next round of the Gutierrez Shield Tournament will be played on Sunday, October 21, at 3.30 p.m.

The draws:

Switzerland vs. England at K.C.C.

Wales vs. Portugal at K.C.C.

India vs. Scotland at Boreo.

Malaya vs. China at Boreo.

"ROSTIA" CUP

In the "Rostia" Cup Competition at Club de Recreio yesterday C. F. dos Remedios won the award by beating H. A. Rozorio by four points to nil.

C. F. dos Remedios first tied with Rozorio, each scoring five points.

He beat his opponent in the replay.

Each bowler was required to bowl two wickets forehand and two backhand.

In the Memorial Cup, A. R. Osmund, E. H. Carvalho, G. A. Gutierrez and J. E. Noronha beat L. E. Gutierrez, B. E. Pintos, F. M. F. Gutierrez and A. M. Souza by 10-5, in an 11-head game.

HKFC CLOSING DAY

Hongkong Football Club (HFC) bowlers lost by 104-141 shots at the closing day match at Happy Valley on Saturday.

At the conclusion of the match, Mrs. J. Watson presented prizes to the winners of the Club competitions.

Singles Championship—Winner, E. Greenwood; Runner-up, E. Tuck.

Pairs Championship—Winner, L. P. Young, R. M. M. Watson, A. J. P. Watson, A. J. P. Watson.

Triples Championship—Winner, L. P. Young, R. M. M. Watson, A. J. P. Watson, A. J. P. Watson.

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One Hundred and Twenty-nine Fours Championship—Winner, L. P. Young, R. M. M. Watson, A. J. P. Watson, A. J. P. Watson.

One Hundred and Thirty Fours Championship—Winner, L. P. Young, R. M. M. Watson, A. J. P

ON THE RECORD

Round-up Of The Children With Salted Scalps

When 900 and more people cross the harbour all together without benefit of the ferry their chances of remaining anonymous as far as the press are concerned increase considerably with the arrival of the 10th girl.

The 10th girl in was not in danger of losing her record. She is still the youngest ever to have done the swim, having successfully crossed the harbour on her own locomotion at the age of eight.

However, a wild rumour suddenly spread that her record had fallen. Somebody had seen a well-built boy who did not look more than six years of age.

The search was on. Reports and press photographs rushing around saw first one small boy, then another and yet a third and it seemed that the Victoria Recreation Club was crawling over with small boys, many of them wet enough yet.

Press gangs of four or six pounced on the small boys, dragged them away from their parents and guardians and cross-examined them.

Some of the mites enjoyed a brief happy notoriety, others were on the verge of tears. To make sure that the six-year-old would not be missed, photographers posed and snapped every small boy in sight who

be-fringed, still held the midget's record.

The prizes had been distributed, the water police were still fishing people out of the water and more swimmers were still coming in. Seeing a familiar face being wiped with a towel, we duly informed him that he was 374th.

"Really?" he said. "Gee! I'm glad. I wanted to be in the first half to finish. We could just as well have told him he was 273rd. Nobody knew who was where."

Their disks were collected when they finished and Ed da Rosa told us, "I am going to take my time over the certificates this year. They can't expect to have them when they want them."

Ed's artistic hand will inscribe the names on the certificates. He didn't look unhappy when he was printing the date on this year. This will save me a lot of work."

The Secretary has already solved his problem. His signature on the certificates will be stamped on.

It was a job getting into the Victoria Recreation Club at any time after 10.30 a.m. yesterday and now the crowd was 10 deep everywhere.

After having pushed and shoved unsuccessfully at the more promising two-inch gap in sight, this columnist was just about to give up when a phalanx of successful swimmers suddenly appeared.

They were probably the 38th to 44th to finish but they were brawny and very wet and they checked themselves very much like dogs do when they came out of the water. The crowd parted and we followed the swimmers in.

About half-an-hour later an excited youngster rushed up and announced that "All the European YMCA has swum across." It was a vast statement and could be misconstrued to suggest that all four floors including the chessroom inhabitants and the pantry boys were in the 900.

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The harbour was full not only of kippers but of much other flora and fauna, not to mention the swimmers. One of the finishers was a dead dog that flapped up against the praya wall. There was no identifying tag and it was not registered with the finishers.

One of the commonest sights was a rowing boat, hefty sailors at the oars and rescued swimmers between the thwarters. One group of about half a dozen swimmers, who all successfully crossed, swam considerably farther than they had ever intended to.

There were suddenly cries of "Save life!" in their vicinity and they all contributed to a mission of mercy, pulling in a swimmer who had developed cramps, before going on with the race.

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THE GAMBOLES



Jaguars Shade Pandas And Madcaps Humble Canucks

By "GRANDSTAND"

Jaguars shaded the Pandas 5-3 in the "A" Division of the Softball league yesterday when Gus Pereira smacked out a two-run triple in the eighth inning to break up a three-all deadlock, while the Madcaps humbled the Canucks 14-0 in the other "A" Division tussle.

The "B" Division provided the most interesting game of the week-end as the U.S. Navy nosed out the Blue Sox by the only run in a tight game that went into two extra frames before a run was registered, while the Dodgers succumbed to the Warriors 14-5.

The Aces were edged out of the league leadership when they were subdued by the Blackhawks 19-5 while the Griffins returned a freak triumph when they emerged at the right end of a 6-3 score after being out-

The USS Salisbury Sound, which arrived in port a few days ago, proved their superiority over the Overseas Chinese side with a 9-3 victory. The Salisbury Sound will be seen in a doubleheader this afternoon when they will cross bats with the USS Everett at 4.00 p.m. and again with the Braves at 5.30 p.m.

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hree-base hit by Rene Sequiera and was completely out of form when the Madcappers practically hit him at random in the sixth to chalk up a cluster of seven runs.

The Madcaps were sure of their decision that they even permitted Alice Braga to take over the rest of the pitching chore in the sixth, and even Alice's mound-climbing, which gave out two successive walks, was enough to prevent a completely demoralised Maple Leaf outfit from breaking the duck.

Both Rene Sequiera and Pete McRae in addition to pelting out distance, also fattened

mentor Frankie Barrow was up at bat and the steal signal was on. Souza pilfered third base but he would have been out had third-

apple. All this was needed was just one hit for the ball game to be won, but after fouling off a couple of pitches Barrow stood still on a third strike and that was the ballgame.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GAMES
Blackhawks nudged the Aces off their lofty perch at the head of the minor loop when they applied the leaders 10-5. The Hawks started off with a scoring spurge of three runs and another cluster of four tallies in the sixth semester just about broke up the Aces who were actually outkicking the winners.

Ed's Loureiro clouted safely in three times for the winners while R. Silva replied for the losers with a similar record, but Silva's hits did not produce any runs.

In direct contradiction to the ball law of averages, the Griffins robbed the Blue Sox of a decision when the losers hit only nine times to the winners' three blows. O. K. Dallas scored for the winners.

35 Bantams absorbed another belting when the Dodgers ran riot over them with a 14-3 count but, strange as it may seem, the losing side, had the individual batting record of the afternoon, and it was a chaf Newby who posted the score-higher safety two.

Wildfire dropped another notch in the league standings when they succumbed to Pandas 10-7.

LADIES' LEAGUE
The Squaws proved once more that experience and ability will always win in the end and went about their business by handing out an 11-1 defeat over the local South China outfit.

M. Gutierrez on the rubber for the winners yielded two hits while Connie Lai for the Coroners gave up five blows, four of which were shared by Benita Remedios and Marjorie Gutierrez.

The losers scored their only run when Madeleine Gosling drew a walk and romped across the plate on two wild throws.

Australian Wins Amateur Billiards Championship
London, Oct. 13.
Rupert Marshall, 42-year-old Australian champion, became world amateur billiards champion today when he beat Frank Edwards, the English titleholder, 5,343 points to 2,719.

When play was resumed today, the second day of the two-day final at the Burghley Hall here, Marshall was leading by 464 points and 40 soon went further ahead. Edwards fought back in the evening session but he never really had much chance of catching Marshall who had played throughout the championship with machine-like precision and consistency.

The Australian made many century breaks—the highest being 425—and had an average of just over 28 for all games in the championship. —Reuter.

NO OPENING
Neuhaus could not find an opening for his famed right-hand punch and was troubled by a bleeding nose up to the eighth round. In that round he caught Williams with some hard rights to the head and continued to press for the remainder of the fight, but Williams countered well with lefts to the body.

Williams criticised the decision. He said: "Neuhaus hit me only once. He is just strong, nothing else." Neuhaus said that he was satisfied with the fight, adding: "Williams is a clever boxer."

Mr. Ted Broadbent, Williams' manager, said that the decision was "not quite fair" because he thought that Williams won about eight rounds of the 10.—Reuter.

WILLIAMS DRAWS WITH NEUHAUS
Dortmund, Oct. 14.
Johnny Williams, contender for the British Heavyweight title, drew with Heinz Neuhaus, Germany's No. 2 heavyweight, over 10 rounds here today.

The decision was greeted by boos and jeers, many apparently thinking that Williams had won. About 25,000 watched the fight, which was refereed by the former World Champion, Max Schmeling, in the "Rote Erde" Stadium.

It was a question of the speed and skill of Williams against the strength of Neuhaus. The British boxer was outweighted by 19 pounds but he employed a strong straight left to offset the powerful punching of his opponent.

In as much as the Pandas were disappointing last week, the Canucks suffered the worst setback of their existence when they allowed the Madcaps to cross the payoff station 14 times while they were unable to solve Joey Gracich's pitching which yielded a miserable single in the opening chapter.

The Madcaps' aggressive first inning resulted in a cluster of four runs on the combined efforts of Pete McRae, George Saunders, Rene Sequiera and Eric Remedios. The Canucks' first inning, however, was proved ineffectual as Markar was left stranded.

With poor support from the side, Canuck hurler Kazuo Natsuzaki chucked his worst game of his career and allowed the Madcappers to connect for 11 runs in the first, which included a homer by Pete McRae and a

BADMINTON VISITORS DUE SATURDAY

Approval of a programme for the entertainment of the Malayan badminton team, headed by Wong Peng-seon, world Badminton champion, was given at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Badminton Association held on Saturday.

The visitors are due to arrive in the Colony by air at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 20. They will play a series of exhibition games commencing on October 22.

Mr. Frank Kwok, chairman, presided at the meeting.

It was announced that H. E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, will be present at the exhibition game on the second night, October 23.

A provisional programme of fixtures for the first three nights, viz. October 22, 23 and 24, was approved. The matches will be played at the Southern Playground, commencing at 8 p.m. each night.

Permission to use the Southern Playground has been received from the Executive Committee of the Playground. The stadium will be enclosed by matting in order to shut out any draft.

The entertainment programme for the Malayan visitors, whose tour to Hongkong has been arranged by the Hongkong Badminton Association, will include a visit to the Races and cinemas, while a dinner and dance in their honour will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday, November 1, the eve of their return to Malaya.

It was decided that apart from pennants, members of the visiting team be presented with towel-type jackets, as well as a pen and pencil set with the names of the Malayan team engraved on them.

BADMINTON TRIALS
The Hongkong Badminton Association is holding a series of trial practices to select players for the forthcoming exhibition series with the Malayan shuttlers.

The following players are requested to turn up at the Tai Koo Dock court this evening:

6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—J. A. Soares, C. K. Lee, H. Tey, H. Wong, B. Li, A. Souza, Miss Gloria Silva, Miss Ulan Khoo, H. T. Heah, Raymond Young, K. K. Loke and K. L. Low.

8.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.—W. F. Wong, B. Li, Miss Winnie Cheung, Miss Helen Kwong, D. C. Lau, Miss D. Lam, W. B. Brown, Kwong Fook-wai.

Cycling Record Claimed
Toulouse, Oct. 14.
Jose Meiffert, of Nice, a French sporting journalist, today claimed to have broken the world speed record for a cyclist for the flying kilometre in little over 20 seconds, registering a speed of 175.721 kilometres per hour (just over 109 miles per hour).

While there is no official recognition of such records, the figures claimed to have been beaten were 174.820 kilometres per hour by Aldred Letourneur (France), who set his record in the United States 10 years ago.

Meiffert, who holds several speed records, steered his frail machine behind the four-and-a-half litre Talbot car of the French racing motorist, Giroud Cabanols, along a stretch of open main road near Toulouse. —Reuter.

Hockey Results
The following were the results of hockey matches played yesterday:

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
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The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. each day.

Through Tickets (at \$40 each) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting.

Through tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 19th October, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—
5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong
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282, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR
Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light and/or a white sphere at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS. UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED. ATTENTION is drawn to Rule 23 of the Totalisator Rules which reads as follows:—

In no circumstances will any dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment will not be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

A limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the RACE COURSE. The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure, except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Only a limited number of passes will be issued to Members' Enclosure and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

BY ORDER,
H. M. M. A.
Secretary

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"TOCHOW"	Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 18th Oct.	
"SHANGHAI"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 20th Oct.	
"FUKIEN"	Keelung	5 p.m. 20th Oct.	
"TIENTSIN"	Djakarta & Sourabaya	5 p.m. 24th Oct.	
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 25th Oct.	
"SINKIANG"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka, & Kobe	5 p.m. 25th Oct.	
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 27th Oct.	
"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	5 p.m. 27th Oct.	
"ANSUN"	Singapore & Penang	5 p.m. 30th Oct.	

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"HANYANG"	Tientsin	15/16th Oct.
"FUKIEN"	Djakarta & Sibiu	17th Oct.
"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	18th Oct.
"FENGCHEN"	Singapore	19th Oct.
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"CHANGSHA"	Australia & Manila	14th Nov.

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S. "ASTYANAX"	do	11th Nov.
G. "PATROCLOS"	13th Oct.	17th Oct.
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"BENDORAN"	U.K. via Singapore	8th Nov.
"BENCLEUCH"	do	21st Nov.
"BENWYVIS"	do	24th Nov.
"BENVORLICH"	do	26th Dec.
"BENLOMOND"	U.K. via B.N.B.	23rd Dec.

SAILINGS

SHIPS	TO	DATE
"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Antwerp.	26th Oct.
"BENALBANACH"	London & Antwerp.	31st Oct.
"BENCROACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow & Hamburg.	16th Nov.
"BENDORAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Avonmouth & Hull.	12th Nov.
"BENLEDI"	Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Antwerp.	18th Nov.
"BENCLEUCH"	Kobe & Yokohama.	23rd Nov.
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Hongkong, October 13, 1951.

RECOGNITION OF PEKING OPPOSED

Washington, Oct. 14.

The United States delegation to the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly in Paris unanimously opposes U.S. recognition of Red China and turning Formosa over to the Peking regime, it was disclosed today.

The ten-member group also favours barring Communist China from the United Nations itself but is divided over whether the United States can veto its admission. It is similarly divided on whether the United Nations should decide Formosa's ultimate fate.

The views of delegates were outlined in response to a poll made by Senator H. Alexander Smith, Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee considering the controversial nomination of Dr. Philip Jessup as a United Nations delegate.

Senator Smith asked: 1. Are there any conditions under which you would approve recognition by the United States of Communist China?

2. Are there any conditions under which you would approve admission of representatives of Communist China to the various organs of the United Nations?

3. What are your views concerning exercise of the veto by the United States in the event that an attempt is made to admit representatives of Communist China to the Security Council?

4. Are there any conditions under which you would favour turning over Formosa to Communist China? What are your views concerning consideration by the United Nations of the position of Formosa?

Senator Smith's questionnaire went to Dr. Jessup, Mr. Warren Austin, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, Representative Mike Mansfield, Representative John Vorys, Mr. John Cooper, Mr. Ernest Gross, Mr. Benjamin

Cohn, Mrs. Anna Strauss and Mr. Channing Tobias. All are UN delegates or alternates.

USE OF VETO

On the question of recognising Red China all ten were in opposition although Mrs. Roosevelt modified her statement by saying "at present." There was a similar unanimity against admitting Red China to UN agencies, although Mr. Cooper said he might change his mind if the Peking regime ceased aggression and established independence by breaking its ties with Moscow.

On the use of the veto Mr. Austin favoured "other methods" of keeping the Reds out. Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Vorys and Mr. Tobias favoured use of the veto while Mrs. Roosevelt said it was an issue to be met when it arose. On giving Formosa to Red China, the only qualification to a solid negative chorus was Mrs. Roosevelt's "not at present." Should the UN determine Formosa's ultimate status? Mr. Cohn and Mr. Austin thought it appropriate for the UN to decide the matter but did not say whether a decision should be reached now. Mr. Gross said disposition of Formosa should be consistent with U.S. necessity. Mrs. Roosevelt said the U.S. or UN should control Formosa for the present and decide its ultimate fate later.—United Press.

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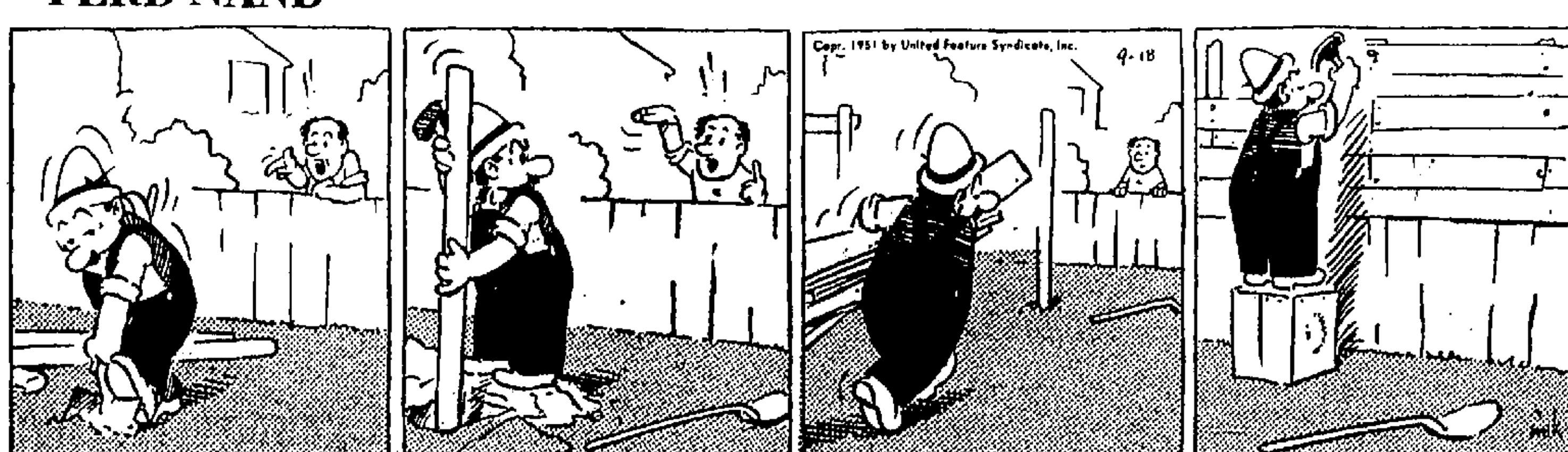
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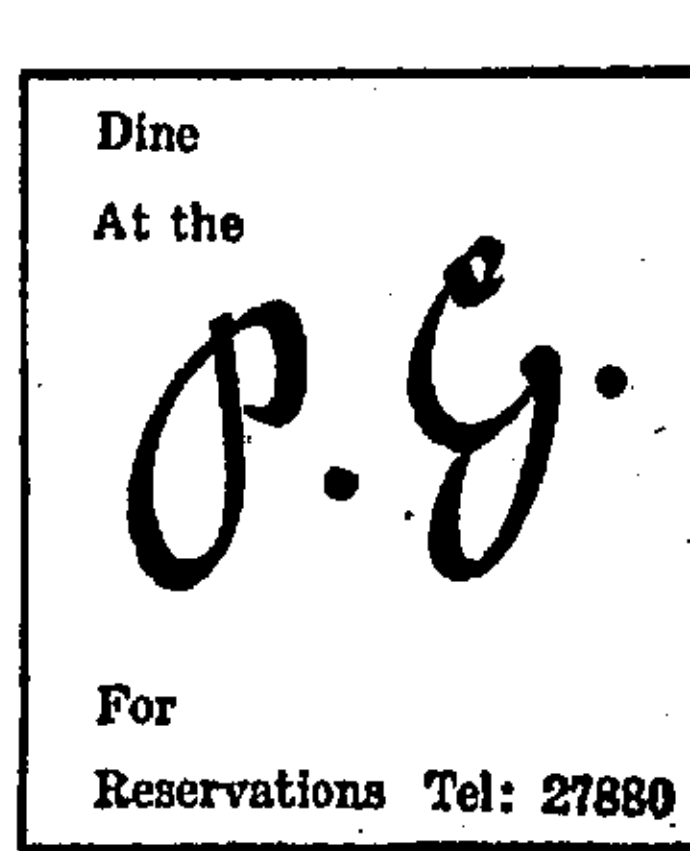
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GIN "AND" PROBLEM UNSOLVED

London, Oct. 14.

When a bar customer asks for a "gin and French" must the vermouth have actually been manufactured in France or may he lawfully be given French-style dry vermouth made in Italy?

That was the question which was to have been decided at South-West London Magistrate's Court.

But the question remained undecided because, owing to technical hitches of the law, summonses against two publicans and a barmaid were withdrawn. The three left the court "without a stigma" and were awarded £10.10s. costs each.

The summonses alleged that Mr. Kenneth Joseph Mills and Mr. Frederick Joseph Jagg, both of the Bull and Star public house, High-street, Putney, had supplied a mixture of gin and Italian vermouth to which a wrong description had been applied. The barmaid, Florence Jensen, of Harrington-road, Fulham, was summoned for aiding and abetting.

Mr. Reginald Elthelbert Seaton, third senior Counsel to the Crown, said that instead of gin and French, gin and Italian vermouth was served.

But there was no documentary evidence, no label nor receipt, which could be produced as required by the Merchandise Marks Act under which the summonses were first brought.

He had thought the Food and Drugs Act might be invoked. But under that Act the local authority must take proceedings. "It has been said," explained Mr. Seaton, "that if the purchaser gets something as good as, or better than what he asked for, there is no offence against the Food and Drugs Act. So the local authority decided this case was not the right one to take up."

He asked leave to withdraw the summonses.

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Healthy Tone In New York Stocks

New York, Oct. 14.

Stocks turned strong late in the week after narrow movements accompanied by dull trading in the first few days.

IMPROVING SENTIMENT IN COTTON

New York, Oct. 14.

Cotton prices came off this week after shooting ahead \$5 a bale to the highest level since early last June.

The increasing amount of hedge selling against new crop ginnings pared the gains, with the list at Thursday's close ruling 7 to 57 points or 35 cents to \$2.85 higher than the preceding week.

The Government's crop report furnished a complete surprise. It started a headlong rush of covering on Monday, lifting October delivery with a point and the 38 cents line and a new high for the movement.

The effect of the report passed over quickly.—United Press.

NY MARKET

New York, Oct. 13.

A slightly easier price structure prevailed in cotton futures today. An accumulation of hedge selling orders over the holiday accounted for much of the softness. Traders were also expecting further hedging on Monday. The volume of business, however, was small. Trade dealers bought but this demand was limited to scale-down orders; the 1951 October delivery ruled independently steady. This was due to expectation of trading in the spot month at noon next Wednesday.

Futures closed 85 cents a bale lower than the previous close.

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July 36.45-49

October 37.45-49

December 37.45-49

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STERLING AREA PROBLEM

Restoration Of The Balance Of Trade

HUNT FOR SULPHUR SUPPLIES

London, Oct. 14.

A systematic exploration of the world for new sources of sulphur is to be undertaken by a new company—the British Sulphur Corporation—with the backing of most of the main industrial users of sulphur in this country.

The Corporation has already sent out an expedition to Chile—and others are planned when data now being collected from British embassies, private geologists, and foreign companies has been sifted and examined.

In deciding which projects to follow up, both economic and political considerations will be taken into account. This implies that the Company will not invest money in exploiting newly discovered sources of sulphur in foreign countries unless there is a reasonable assurance that the new industry will not be nationalised or confiscated at some later date. For this reason, Commonwealth projects are likely to be regarded with more favour than those in foreign countries.

Among the British companies making the new enterprise are Esso's Imperial Chemical Industries, Dunlop, Courtauld, Monsanto Chemicals and a number of other well-known industrial users of sulphur and sulphuric acid.—London Express Service

Less For Civilian Use In U.S.

Washington, Oct. 14.

The Government will order reductions in the manufacture of many civilian items but believes there will still be enough for normal needs.

This report came today from Mr. Manly Fleischmann, head of the Defense Production Administration, who announced that the use of metal in making household appliances and other consumer goods will be reduced by about 11-1/2 per cent beginning January 1.

"The outlook is that production of such civilian items as refrigerators, stoves, radios, television sets and home appliances of all kinds will be reduced," Mr. Fleischmann told a joint meeting of four Congressional committees.

Demand for structural steel for the fourth quarter exceeded supply by 233 per cent, the National Production Authority reported. As a result, the agency is approving less than 20 per cent of applications for new residential and commercial construction.

Aircraft industry and military officials are worried over the small fourth quarter structural steel allotment, the trade publication Aviation Week reported.

Estimates are that the air force will need between 100,000 and 150,000 tons of structural steel during the quarter, while the allotment is only 31,873 tons.—Associated Press

Assurance On Raw Cotton

Washington, Oct. 14.

Price Administrator Michael V. Disalle assured cotton-State Congressmen today that any new order he may issue on textile prices will not lower existing ceilings of raw cotton.

"The ceiling price on raw cotton will not be reduced by any action of ours," Mr. Disalle told reporters after a conference with House Agriculture Committee Chairman Harold Cooley, North Carolina Democrat, and officials of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Mr. Cooley had called Mr. Disalle and others into a closed conference in his office after Congressmen had expressed concern that some Office of Price Stabilization move might hurt the cotton market.

After the closed meeting, Mr. Disalle told reporters he hoped to have some new regulations ready on textiles within about two weeks.—Associated Press

US Coal Production

New York, Oct. 14.

Soft coal production in the United States totaled 4,678,000 tons, compared with 11,090,000 tons the week before, and 11,468,000 tons a year ago.—Associated Press

Concerted Action Needed By Sterling Countries

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Oct. 14.

The strains imposed on the Sterling Area by the recent and continuing loss of gold and dollars were underlined this week by the decline in the value of Sterling in nearly all the world's free markets.

Brussels was the star performer. Rumours of impending devaluation were encouraged by false reports that leading Belgian banks were refusing to accept British travelers' cheques, and the Pound changed hands at discounts of up to 30 francs on the official rate.

The fall in value of transferable Sterling has now reached the point where the margin between the official rate of exchange vis-a-vis the dollar and the free market rate is now sufficient to make "three-cornered" deals in Sterling commodities worthwhile.

It was this type of deal, involving the Sterling Area in a serious loss of legitimate dollar earnings, that speeded the onset of devaluation in 1949. The Sterling Area's gold and dollar reserves are more than twice what they were at the time of devaluation and this provides what Mr. Gaitskill has called the "essential element of time" to correct the situation.

But at the same time many independent economists believe the situation so far as the continued effectiveness of the Sterling Area mechanism is concerned is worse than it was in 1949.

Thus it has been said that the Sterling Area could not survive another devaluation.

This week, for the first time, a hint that all is not well within the Sterling Area club came from a Commonwealth Finance Minister.

CEYLON'S HINT

Mr. Jayawardene of Ceylon said in his return from London that it had been agreed that a final decision on Ceylon's contribution to the dollar pool should be deferred until the next meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers in January.

He went on to say that Finance Ministers would consider the whole question of the rules and conventions of the Sterling Area, with particular reference to the dollar-earning countries and their contribution to the dollar pool.

This should not, however, be taken to indicate that the breakdown of the Sterling Area is close at hand or even that its present "conventions" have been seriously questioned.

The ties which bind the Commonwealth are too strong and the real advantages of membership of the Sterling Area are too great to be swept away by passing fluctuations.

But even the goodwill, that exists within the Sterling Area is not limitless and it would be unwise to let the situation drift until this goodwill was exhausted.

The warning implicit in Mr. Jayawardene's statement should be heeded.

OVERHAUL NEEDED

Sterling, for all its weakness, is still used to finance a considerable proportion of world trade, and it is unthinkable that the Sterling Area mechanism could collapse without notice to take its place.

Nevertheless, the existing policies need drastic overhauling.

The United Kingdom, chief member of the Sterling Area, is now living at an annual rate of £400 million above her income. This deficit can only be financed by dipping into our reserves and increasing our indebtedness, particularly to the rest of the Sterling Area.

The proposition has been made by a well-known British economist that a United Kingdom deficit with the dollar area may in principle be balanced by a surplus with the non-dollar world. This, in fact, was what happened last year but it is not what is happening now.

The United Kingdom's deficit on its balance-of-trade extends beyond the dollar area. During the first six months of this year we were in deficit with OREC countries to the extent of £26 million (compared with a surplus in the last half of last year of £69 million) and our trade balance with the rest of the Sterling Area deteriorated in the same period by £89 million.

TREND REVERSED

Over the same six months, Sterling balances held by Sterling Area countries increased from £2,780 million to £3,098 million. On June 30, dependent overseas territories held £908 million of Sterling balances and other Sterling countries held £2,190 million.

During the first half-year, dollar earnings of Sterling Area countries (particularly the dependent territories) rose sharply in response to the demand for Sterling commodities.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

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(Our Own Correspondent)

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STEEL OUTPUT

New York, Oct. 14.

The American Iron and Steel Institute estimates that the nation's steel mills will work this week at 101.8 per cent of rated capacity and produce 4,035,000 tons. This compares with a rate of 102.6 per cent in the preceding week and 101.6 per cent or 1,989,000 tons in the same week of last year.—Associated Press

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Sterling note (per £1) 15.70

U.S. Dollars (per \$1) 0.855

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National Income

San Francisco, Oct. 14.

Mr. Leon H. Keyserling, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers to President Truman, predicted the gross U.S. national output would rise from \$325,000,000,000 a year to \$400,000,000,000 in four years.—Associated Press

Contract Awards

New York, Oct. 14.

New construction contract awards in the US reported in the week ended Monday declined to \$241,929,000 or 13.4 per cent under the weekly average to date this year. Engineering News-Record said.

The total, consisting of \$120,000,000 in private awards and \$121,929,000 in public awards, was far below the \$421,040,000 the preceding week but well ahead of the \$190,000,000 in the like week last year.—Associated Press

New York, Oct. 14.

Electric power production in the U.S. increased to 7,155,221,000 kilowatt hours in the week ended October 6 from 7,101,000 the previous week, Edison Electric Institute reported.—Associated Press



ARRIVALS

Date	Ship	From
14th Oct.	"TASMAN"	Belawan Deli, Penang, Singapore & S. Africa
16th Oct.	"TJIBANG"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
18th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Japan
20th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Java Ports
22nd Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Japan
24th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Java Ports, Macassar & Singapore
26th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	S. America, Africa & Singapore
28th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
30th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Japan
2nd Nov.	"TJIBODAS"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore

SAILINGS

Date	Ship	To
17th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa & S. America
19th Oct.	"TJIBANG"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
21st Oct.	"TASMAN"	Japan
23rd Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Surabaya, Semarang & Japan Ports
25th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Japan Ports
27th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Japan Ports
29th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
31st Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America
2nd Nov.	"TJIBODAS"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore

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22nd Oct.	"ARENDSEKRA"	Europe & Singapore
24th Oct.	"ARENDSEKRA"	Japan
26th Oct.	"ARENDSEKRA"	Europe & Singapore
28th Oct.	"ARENDSEKRA"	Japan
30th Oct.	"ARENDSEKRA"	Europe & Singapore
2nd Nov.	"ARENDSEKRA"	Japan

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